Amusements.

McVICKER'S THEATRE
Madison street, between State and Dearborn.
Doors open at 7 o'clock. ..... Curtain rises at 7½.
Eighth night of Mr. PROCTOR.
SHAKSPEARIAN NIGHT.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 22d, will be presented Shakespeare's Tragedy of
MACBETH, King of Scotland.
Macbeth, ... Mr. Proctor
Lady Macbeth, ... Miss Bowers
GRAND DANCE, ... Miss JENNIE HINDS.
To conclude with the glorious Farce of
THE OBSTINATE FAMILY.
Thursday, by request, NICK OF THE WOODS.
☞ In rehearsal the thrilling drama of THE REBEL'S BRIDE; also, THE CAPTURE WARRENTON.

BRYAN HALL.
SECOND WEEK.
ROBERT HELLER,
MAGICIAN, MUSICIAN
SECOND SIGHT.
Grand Change of Programme Every Night.
Ja18 k219-1w

PROFESSOR ANDERSON
THE WORLD RENOWNED
WIZARD OF THE NORTH
Will appear in this city on
Monday, January 27th, 1862,
In his Grand, Original, Mystical Entertainment, Night in Wonderworld, as performed by him in the part of the globe. Look out for the only GREAT MAGICIAN of the age, assisted by his family.
MISS ANDERSON,
The Rare reminiscient Ortographist and Second Sighted Sybil.
LITTLE FLORA ANDERSON,
The Young American Vocalist, the comprenable fairy of the Magical Portfolio.
MR. J. H. ANDERSON, JR.,
In his Great Bio Dynamic feat of Rope Tying, Extraordinary.
Ja18 k220 3t

BAYARD TAYLOR
WILL LECTURE
AT METROPOLITAN HALL,
Wednesday Evening, Jan. 15th, at 7½ o'clock.
SUBJECT:
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY.
Tickets 25 cents; to be had at the door. Ja8 k205-3t

SIXTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
—OF—
CLEVELAND LODGE NO. 211, F. & A. M.,
Will be held at the Masonic House, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 23d, A. L. 5862, A. D. 1862.
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:
W. M. KOGERS, H. BENNETT, H. G. GIBBS,
MASTERS OF CEREMONIES:
A. E. CUTLER, C. H. CRANE, H. G. GRAY,
A. G. CLELAND, C. B. CRANE, J. B. STANSELL,
JAMES HUMPHREY, IRA GOODRICH.
Tickets, $2 50. To be had of the Committee of Arrangements, and at the Tremont House. Ja8 k218-6t

G. MIRASOLE'S DANCING ACADEMY,
Corner Madison and Clark streets. Entrance on Madison. Class open at all times for beginners.
Gentlemen's classes, Tuesday and Saturday, to which ladies are only admitted as visitors. Assembly every Thursday night for members and their friends. Private lessons given to ladies and gentlemen, either singly or in classes, at their residences, or at the Academy, as suited; except those introduced by scholars. Post office box 2091. Ja20 k245-6t

DANCING AND CALISTHENICS.—Mr. T. B. WARREN, from Her Majesty's Theatre, London, respectfully informs the citizens of Chicago that he will be happy to attend schools or Private Families to give instructions in the above accomplishments. For terms, &c., apply to Room 4, over Mr. Lyon's Jewelry Store, Clark street. Ja13 k232-1m

METROPOLITAN HALL.—The popular Hall has been re-painted and
PUT IN COMPLETE ORDER.
And is now for rent by the night or week. It is pronounced by many of the best judges to be one of the first Artists of the country, testify that in respect to
SOUND AND VENTILATION
It has hardly an equal. For terms, &c., call on Thos. B. MOADE, or Proprietor of Metropolitan Hall, Room No. 9 Metropolitan Block, Chicago, Ill. Ja13 k232-1m

For Europe.

STEAM WEEKLY BETWEEN
NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
Landing and embarking passengers at Queenstown (Ireland).
LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK and PHILADELPHIA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Will dispatch every Saturday their full power Clyde built Iron Steamships,
CITY OF NEW YORK, ... EDINBURGH,
CITY OF BALTIMORE, ... KANGAROO,
CITY OF WASHINGTON, ... HELVETIA,
CITY OF MANCHESTER, ... VIGO.
..... MONGOLIA.
Rates of passage as low as by any other line. For passage forwarding to all parts of Europe, apply to the Company's Office, 177 Broadway, New York.
Persons wishing to bring out their friends can buy tickets in Chicago to great advantage.
These Steamers have superior accommodations, and carry experienced surgeons. They are built in water tight compartments, and carry patent fire extinguishers. For further information apply to
CLEGHORN, LECKIE & CO.,
General Western Agents, 13 Lasalle street, Chicago.
☞ Exchange on Europe sold in sums of $1 and upwards. ja8 k207-1y

THROUGH TICKETS
TO ALL PARTS OF EUROPE,
BY GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY
AND
Regular Weekly Line of First-Class Ocean Steamers,
SAILING EVERY SATURDAY MORNING
From the Railway Company's Dock at Quebec.
Freight shipped on through bills of lading. Send for further information to
JAMES WARRACK,
General Western Agent, 13 Lake st., Chicago.
WALTER SHAKEL, General Manager, Montreal.
ja8 k207-1y-1p&p

Meeting of Stockholders.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COMPANY,
Chicago, January 6th, 1862.
Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Company.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Company, will be held at the Company's office in the City of Chicago, on TUESDAY, February 11th, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors to fill the vacancies for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.
A. S. DOWNS, Secretary.
ja8 k210-14d

To Printers.

TO PRINTERS.—A second-hand Reggie's Engine Press, for sale, for one hundred and fifty dollars. Said press is in good order, and will print forms of any size, from bill heads, labels, hand-bills, legal and business blanks, to a sheet of newspaper. Inquire of
DAVIS & GAVIN,
W. H. HAND, Tribune Office, Chicago.

General Notices.

A GOOD POSITION FOR A BRAVE MAN.—A good man who desires a Captaincy in a Cavalry Company, will find a rare opportunity for distinction and promotion, and who has advanced claims for consideration for past gallant service, nearly all of which will be refunded him, and many of an opportunity to make money, by addressing "C.," Post Office Box 4th, giving real name and residence. Should the applicant be from the interior, Town, Beat or references required and given.
Ja15 k236-3t

CHICAGO AND HER FUTURE
—Apply at once for a few shares of stock. Chicago was a luxury that only the richest could enjoy. Now they are received at
PINTON'S
In forty-eight hours from Baltimore, fresh from mid water, and sold at cheap as in New York. 77 South Clark street. Ja14 k233-3t

NOTICE.—Chief Quartermaster's Office, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 9th, 1862.
Contracts made with Quartermasters in the Missouri Department, and approved by me, are not transferrable without my consent, and any transfer made in any other than the original contributor.
By order of BRIG. GEN. ALLEN,
Ja9 k234-6w Major and Chief Q. M. Mo. Quart. Dep't.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.—On the 27th of January, A. D. 1862,
Between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said day, at the front door of the Court House in
Princeton, Bureau County, Ill.,
I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, Lots number eighty (80), sixty-one (61), in Block number seventeen (17); and Lot number eighty (80), in Block number eighteen (18), in North Addition to the Town of Princeton aforesaid, with all the improvements and appurtenances thereunto being, being the
MILL PROPERTY
Lately owned by ROBBINS, LAWSON & CO., in Princeton, Ill., and will proceed to be sold without adjournment, and in mediate possession given to the purchaser, and deed executed.
H. SHARP,
Assignee of Robbins, Lawson & Co.
Ja9 k234-3w

IMPORTANT TO ALL CONCERNED.—Mr. Barnes B. Wood & Co. are receiving a large invoice of French Glass, imported by them by the entire decline. Also, a few cases of Lead Pipe, Putty, Varnishes, Linseed, Coal Oil, Window Glass, and all other goods in the line of wholesale trade, all of their usual low prices, at 125 Randolph street, Chicago.

EIGHT FIRST-CLASS SEVEN OCTAVE PIANOS, at 116 South Dearborn street, on the second floor, will be sold cheap for cash, second hand piano, or on monthly payments. Call soon. PRESTON. Ja16 k238-1m

FAIRBANKS' STANDARD SCALES OF ALL KINDS.
Fairbanks & Greenleaf
NO. 28 LAKE STREET, CHICAGO.

NATIVE PORT WINE,
NATIVE PORT WINE,
NATIVE PORT WINE.
THE BEST and most agreeable Tonic is an
WARRANTED PURE.
Manufactured and sold by GALE BROTHERS,
Druggists, 92 Randolph street.

VAULTS AND OUT-HOUSES
—OF—
Every description, by JOHN MASEN, 51 North Clark street, and 94 and 96 Indiana st. Ja15 k236-1m

CHICAGO TRIBUNE,
DAILY, TRI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY.
Office, No. 51 Clark Street.
TERMS OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE:
Daily, delivered in the city, per year $8.00
Daily, delivered in the city, per week ..... .15
Daily, to mail subscribers, per year 4.00
Daily, to mail subscribers, per six months .. 2.00
Tri-Weekly, per year 4.00
Weekly, per year, (8 no's, $1.00) 1.50
Weekly, 2 copies 2.00
" 5 copies 4.00
" 10 copies 8.00
" 20 copies and 1 to getter up of club .. 20.00
☞ Additions to clubs may be made at any time at the same rate.
☞ Money in Registered Letters may be sent at our risk.
Address "CHICAGO TRIBUNE," Chicago, Ill.

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

☞ If our Washington dispatch may be taken as decisive, there is an end to cavalry enterprises. The new Secretary of War has ordered twenty regiments transformed into Infantry, and has disbanded the regiment of Lancers that was being raised at Detroit. He could not have opened his labors with a better stroke.

☞ Another Kentucky "Unionist" has taken off the mask—Hon. William H. Wadsworth of the Maysville district. His speech in the House, yesterday, is described by our Washington dispatch as being as virulent with treason as anything ever uttered by Burnett or Breckinridge.

☞ The Constitutional Convention has begun its work of revision, and the first step is to increase the Legislature to thirty-three Senators (now 25), and one hundred Representatives (now 75). This is to be the permanent number until the State has a population of three millions. The first election takes place next fall, and annual elections and annual sessions are to be provided for. So far so good.

☞ On the third page of this (Daily) issue will be found a capital speech, delivered in England, by that live Yankee, Geo. F. Train. He got John Bull "on the ropes" most completely. The speech is decidedly rich and racy, particularly the last part of it, after he got mad at the insults and interruptions he received from certain persons in the hall. He told Mr. Bull some plain, unpalatable truths, which may do him good, if well digested. We found the speech in the London *American*.

BRANKING PRIVILEGE.

The House of Representatives made short work of the franking privilege yesterday. The Chairman of the Postal Committee, Colfax, was pressing the House to do something in behalf of postal reform. Having no faith that a radical bill could be got though, he offered a compromise measure which proposed that the recipient of a letter from a member of Congress or other person entitled to use the frank, should pay the postage, and that all letters directed to members of Congress or other persons allowed the franking privilege, should be prepaid. His bill also proposed that Congressional speeches and seeds be conveyed for two thousand miles or less at the rate of eight cents per pound, and of Congressional documents at the rate of two cents per pound.

Had this bill been passed, the present leak in the Treasury would in a great measure have been stopped; but the House was not in the mood for half-way expedients or half-way measures, but resolved to go the whole hog, and cut the dog's tail off close behind his ears.

The telegraphic account of how it was done is laconic and to the point. Here is the whole story, "as told to us":

The bill to abolish the franking privilege was further discussed. The question was taken on striking out the whole of the bill excepting the first section, which abolishes the franking privilege on and after July 1st.

This was decided in the affirmative.

After further discussion, Mr. Washburne moved to lay on the table the whole subject. This was lost—yeas 59, nays 76—less than a quorum voting.

The bill is as follows:

"Be it enacted, &c., that from and after July 1st, 1862, the franking privilege shall be and is hereby abolished."

The Senate has still to act on the bill and the President to sign it before it becomes a law. But as bills to abolish the franking privilege have passed the Senate several times, there is not much probability of the House bill failing to go through. The President will not hesitate to sign it. For fifteen years the question of abolishing the franking privilege has been agitated in and out of Congress. It seems now on the eve of settlement.

MORE CABINET CHANGES.

Washington is full of rumors concerning farther changes in the Cabinet. Two more retirements are confidently predicted. A special dispatch to a New York paper sets forth that the

"Hon. Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior, and Hon. Mr. Blair, Postmaster-General, are the gentlemen indicated by the gossip of the hotels. Mr. Smith, who enjoys in a high degree the confidence of Mr. Lincoln, will, it is said, assume one of the vacant seats in the Supreme Court, while Mr Blair will decline any other appointment at the hands of the President. People will be pleased to know say an ungranded letter to Gen. Fremont, in which Gen. Scott and other high officials are criticised, is at the bottom of this matter. Mr. Holt may get Mr. Smith's place, and Mr. Colfax, of Indiana, Mr. Blair's; but nobody knows anything about it. The President has every confidence in Mr. Welles, and he is not to be disturbed."

The truth of the last sentence, we think, is susceptible of a reasonable doubt. The developments made by the Investigating Committee are calculated to seriously shake the Executive "confidence" and to "disturb" the Naval Secretary in his seat.

The country is not particularly anxious in respect to the Secretary of the Interior, whether he remains or retires. If he should rotate into the Supreme Bench, and Holt should go into the Cabinet, we hope "Kentucky policy" will then be satisfied. Should it be true that Judge Blair contemplates resigning, which he may do when he hear with regret, there is no man in the whole Union whose appointment to fill the vacancy would give so much satisfaction to the public as that of the Hon. Schuyler Colfax. Our Washington correspondent's letter discusses the subject of Cabinet changes.

$150,000,000 REVENUE.

It will be seen that the lower branch of Congress has adopted a resolution expressive of its opinion that a national tax should be levied upon the people sufficient, with what may be derived from impost duties, to yield an annual revenue of *one hundred and fifty* millions dollars. Of course the Senate will concur in this matter of fact and necessary proposition, and by and by we shall have the legislation and levy in due form. Nearly one half the revenue bespoken is needed to meet the interest on the national debt already incurred, and what is left of the sum will be quite small for the ordinary expenses of the Government, inasmuch as they have been $60,000,000 in a time of peace and are now at the rate of nearly $1,000,000,000. But the people are not now startled at big figures. They are prepared for a national debt, treasury notes and heavy taxation. To all these things the popular mind is made up. They will not, therefore, be disconcerted when it appears that of a revenue of $150,000,000 more than two-thirds must be drawn directly from their own pockets; for he is too sanguine who anticipates that our customs will rise above fifty millions, if as high, for some years. The national tax already levied, and for which most of the State Governments have provided, is for twenty millions. The next one, to come immediately (for the money is wanted now) will be for five times as much. Have not the people, therefore—though they may not "know anything about war"—the right to demand that some good and decisive use be made of their own money?

The New York Press on the Change in the Cabinet.

The Washington correspondence of the New York press does not enlighten us upon the modus of Mr. Cameron's removal, nor the immediate influences at work; but the subject is editorially treated as of significant importance. The *Times* says:

"Mr. Cameron, representing in the Cabinet the least radical of all the loyal States, has from the first been satisfied of the identity of the rebellion with slavery, and has been persuaded that the suppression of both is essential to the restoration of the Union and the future peace of the Republic. That he should sacrifice his views, or that a Cabinet could cohere with such radical differences of opinion, was not to be expected. Mr. Lincoln, born in a slaveholding community, and familiar with the institution, believes that it may be perpetuated without hazard to the Union. Such contrarieties of opinion could not conveniently exist in the same councils, and hence the necessity of separation.

"It may not be improper to add that other and material difficulties attended the presence of Mr. Cameron in the Cabinet. He has always been a decided advocate for promptitude and energy in the conduct of the war; and has perhaps sympathized unduly with that party in Congress and among the people, which craves the infusion of more activity and decision in our military policy. His accord with the General-in-Chief of the army has not, for these and other reasons, been perfect. To this controversy between the regular and volunteer service, which has reached a point wholly inconsistent with the public interests, Gen. McClellan is understood to side with that party to which his military education would naturally attach him—while Mr. Cameron has been a believer in the transcendent value and importance of the volunteers. The inquiry in regard to the Ball's Bluff calamity brought to light the marked diversity of opinion between the Secretary and the General. The former was eager to acquit the memory of Baker of all responsibility for the disaster, while the latter was equally desirous to relieve Stone of the fearful responsibility."

The *Tribune* attributes the change more to the "fat contracts" of the Department than to the slavery issue or with any differences with Gen. McClellan, and says:

"Some of these contracts will have to be pitched overboard, and it would be well if the contractors could be sent after them. Gen. Cameron will not be fairly judged unless the extraordinary circumstances under which he has acted are taken into account. A generous public will make due allowance for all that is novel in Lyon and in Gen. Grant's career. The *World* has still another explanation—the expunged report—and says:

"That Mr. Cameron's resignation did not immediately follow so remarkable a disclosure may be regarded as a proof of his confidence in the patriotism of the President that any difference of views could not shake. And the fact that the President has tendered him, and he has now accepted, an important foreign mission, furnishes evidence of the broken personal relations, which their difference on a single point has not disturbed. This offer and acceptance of an honorable mission in the public service shows that there has been no quarrel; that the resignation is the result of no *explosion*, but proceeds from a sense of personal and official propriety."

The three papers differ quite as widely in their construction of Mr. Stanton's appointment. One thinks it means progress, another that it shows an intention to bring in the Democracy, etc., and all look to further changes in the Cabinet, if not to it entire disruption.

The *Herald* has nothing to say.

Have Mason and Slidell Gone to the Bottom.

When the British gun boat Rinaldo left Provincetown, Mass., with Mason and Slidell on board, it was understood to be the intention to land these at Halifax, there to be sent forward on a Cunard mail steamer. The Rinaldo left Provincetown on the 8th inst., in a severe gale, and the length of time that has elapsed, during which their arrival at Halifax has not been announced, leads to the belief that, unless the vessel stood out for England direct, she has suffered a nice disaster from the prevailing storm. Apprehension has existed that the vessel may have gone to the bottom; and those who think otherwise are divided in the opinion whether she was bound for England or for St. Thomas. She sailed under sealed orders.

Major R. B. Hatch.

A letter from Cairo, dated the 13th inst., to the *Journal*, has the following item:

Last evening R. B. Hatch, Assistant Quartermaster at Cairo, was arrested by Gen. Webster, were arrested by order of General Cameron, Secretary of War, for alleged frauds in the Quartermaster's Department. What is the extent of the alleged fraud, it is impossible to state. Various and fabulous amounts are floating around. Major Hatch, it is understood, will charge the frauds all upon his Clerks—the Clerk returning the compliment—Major Hatch is brother of Hon. Ira Hatch, Secretary of State, and has held a high political and social position. But, if he is guilty, let him suffer the full penalty of the law. He was a military officer, he is upon his parole. Dunton, being a civilian, is in the close custody.

We don't believe that an investigation will fasten a particle of fraud upon Major Hatch. We believe him to be a strictly honest man; his subordinates may have abused his confidence and swindled the Government, but it can hardly be possible that it was done with his connivance, knowledge or consent.

Trial of Peter Murray for the Murder of John O'Neil.

The public will recollect the main circumstances connected with the murder of John O'Neil, a private in the ranks of Col. Baldwin's Regiment of infantry, which event, as is alleged, occurred on the night of the 23d of December, on Buena Vista street, between Michigan and Indiana Avenues. The trial of the prisoner upon an indictment lately found by the Grand Jury, commenced yesterday afternoon, before Judge Manierre of the Circuit Court.

The following jury was empanelled to hear the cause, viz:

J. H. Kenyon, Isaac Williams, Levi Park, G. A. Carpenter, M. Dorsett, Wm. H. Snell, H. Cleaveland, Wm. Sweeney, Geo. H. Brooks, Oscar Fellows, John Loebstein, C. P. Higbie.

The case was ably opened by Carlos Haven, Esq., States Attorney, for the people, and John Mason, Esq., for the prisoner. So much time was consumed in obtaining a jury, that little progress was made, and the taking of testimony will commence this morning at the usual hour of opening Court.

Tell Him to Put it Through.

The following is going the rounds of the papers. The President wrote this characteristic letter to the Secretary of War:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, August 29, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR: Since my note to you yesterday about Gen. J. H. Lane, of Kansas, I have been reflecting upon the subject, and have concluded that we need the services of such men out there at once: that we had better appoint a Brigadier General of Volunteers to-day, and send him off with a force of think *two* regiments better than *three*, but as to this I am not particular; so you think will get him into actual work quickest. Tell him when he *starts to get it through*—not to be willing or laboring to come here, but put it through.

It seems that Old Abe liked the way Jim Lane "put it through" out in Kansas, and has concluded to set him up in business on larger capital, so that he may not be obliged to use a gimlet to bore auger holes. This time he gives Jim not two regiments, but twenty-five, in order that he may be able "to put it through" "when he starts, without writing or telegraphing back here," clear to New Orleans. Lane, like Barkis, is willing.

The President Wants Action.

The New York *Post* of Monday remarks:

Our advices from Washington give us reason to believe that the President is much dissatisfied with the delays which have of late attended our military movements, some of which, during the past week, we have before us, are planned on a scale answerable to the vast extent of the insurrection, and if executed with anything like proper vigor and skill, must be followed by the most important consequences.

This corresponds with our own private information in regard to the feelings of the President. He is growing very restive and impatient at the unaccountable inaction of our armies, and we are assured, that he has made known these wishes to Gen. McClellan, very plainly. The torpidity of our troops can not be fairly charged against him. He may not feel at liberty to order Gen. McClellan to advance on the enemy, but he is as anxious as the public for the fighting to begin.

☞ We regret to see that so respectable a paper as the Milwaukee *Sentinel* has fallen into the West Point pro-slavery mire, under a very bad attack of negrophobia. Its style of writing is now even ahead of the Milwaukee *News* or the Chicago *Times*. Our sympathies are with the editor in this his season of mental aberration. May he come out of it all right, and find that he has not wholly estranged the good people of Wisconsin who had looked to his columns for law and gospel. The fumes ascended from the error of his pro-slavery ways, (as for one was) the contestant of Jim Lane's seat in the Senate. They are two different gentlemen, and are not even related to each other.

☞ It is said that Gen. Banks's headquarters are to be again removed from Frederick to Hagerstown, Md., in view of the move on the operations along the coast.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Have we a Military Plan?—Important Doubts under that Head—Gen. McClellan and his Vast Responsibility—Resignation of Secretary Cameron and Appointment of Mr. Stanton—Brannch refer—Further changes in the Cabinet Probable—Secretary Smith and Mr. Colfax, &c.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, 1862.

Within a few days past somebody on our side has been very badly scared. Extraordinary Cabinet sessions have been held with Ben Wade's joint committee to investigate the conduct of the war. The story is, that at the last meeting of this kind, Old Ben made a two hour's speech, ending by telling all hands that there was *no plan for carrying on the war, either in the mind of Gen. McClellan or anybody else.* I am told that no one was more confounded by this revelation than the President. Since this meeting the town has been full of rumors of a change in the supreme command of the armies, some authorities assigning it to Gen. Halleck, and others to Gen. McDowell. I do not know that any change is contemplated by the President. He has been so long leaning on Gen. McClellan that he may feel unable to get along without him. When the time comes in which a change can no longer be postponed, let us hope that the President will select from among those who believe that this war is right and just and necessary, and not from among those, who, up to the 1st of May, or thereabouts, declared that we ought not to "coerce" South Carolina, and that we could not do it if we should try. Perhaps General McClellan did not so declare, but that was the opinion of his class and his party, the Breckinridge Democrats of the North; and it was more confirmed and ingrained among those who got their politics at West Point, than among any other division of the party. Now the generals of this class either hold to the same opinions still, that we ought not to, and cannot coerce Jeff. Davis, and are hence secession sympathizers, or cowards, or both; or they are scoundrels and ought not to be trusted anyhow. A person holding a high position on Gen. McClellan's staff was a member of the Ohio Legislature, and at the last session of that body he opposed the war by speech and vote to the last extremity. He is just about as fit, judging from his record, to hold a commission in our army, as Vallandigham or Bright, or Bill Hacker, or Breckinridge would be.

Let me not do Gen. McClellan injustice. It would be idle to assert, and incredible to publish, that he entertains anything less than the most ardent wishes for the success of our arms. If we fail, he falls more conspicuously than any other; the world and posterity will write him down the most stupendous humbug that ever held a military command or ruined a great nation. Surely he cannot *desire* that disaster, and yet there are praying for this consummation, and there is a high probability that it may take place before many days. If Mr. Smith retires he will be provided with a place on the Supreme Bench.

If is rumored that Secretary Welles will resign, but it is useless to publish on mere rumor. The President is very much attached to Gideon and believes him to be an honest man.

The Maryland Legislature.

The Baltimore *Patriot* reads the State Legislature a very sharp lecture for being in solemn session a month without fulfilling even one of the leading ideas upon which the people elected the members, or acting upon any of the important suggestions of the late Gov. Hicks. It says:

We have been patiently waiting, from day to day, to hear that they had decided action on the part of our Legislature, that might demonstrate to us, beyond cavil, that the people have not made a mistake in selecting the men they have to represent them at such a crisis as the present, and we are pained to confess that we have waited in vain. We blush to record the fact, for we cannot but feel that while the Government has been striving with all her energies to put down the rebellion for eight long months, and Maryland has neither given her a dollar or dollar and a quarter to pull a "trigger" towards accomplishing so desirable a result. We appeal to you, Legislators, to do your duty, and do it boldly, and do it with your might, and that quickly and effectively.

A TELEGRAPHIC EXPERIMENT.—It is a matter of curiosity as to how quick communication may be made by means of the telegraph. Experience has shown that it is an instantaneous process. A short time since, *says the Post*, a change, an experiment was tried to illustrate the point. It was agreed that a telegrapher at New York city, in communication with Chicago, Illinois, should write the letters a,—which is done by making three dots,—and that a Chicago telegrapher should instantly, on hearing the dots, respond by making the same signs. The plan was carried out successfully, and the paper of the register at New York showed that the dots made by both operators stood so nearly together that it was impossible to write a single dot between the characters representing the two a's. The response from Chicago was recorded as quickly after the signal from New York as it was possible for the Chicago telegrapher to make it. Many other experiments have been made, with like results.

☞ People have confounded the two Stantons that figure in the Washington dispatches. Edwin M. Stanton of Pittsburgh, Pa., the eminent lawyer, is the new Secretary of War. Frederick P. Stanton, formerly member of Congress from Tennessee, but of late years identified with Kansas, where he was sent by a Democratic administration and became converted from the error of his pro-slavery ways, is (or was) the contestant of Jim Lane's seat in the Senate. They are two different gentlemen, and are not even related to each other.

☞ The Springfield *Register* learns that Col. Marshall, of the 1st Illinois (Lexington) cavalry, has been furnished with a copy of charges and specifications, by certain officers of his regiment, alleging cowardice, incompetence, &c., and that a court martial will be called to try the matter.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

From Washington---More Cabinet Changes---Reconstruction Likely ---Smith to go on the Supreme Bench----Chase for the Senate.

CONGRESS---LANE'S BILL IN THE SENATE ---CONFISCATION ACT REPORTED--- $150,000,000 REVENUE CALLED FOR BY TAX.

Foreign News---Speculation as to What we will do--- More Cheerful Comments Made---Councils Advanced ---Cotton Advanced.

THE CAIRO EXPEDITION---ST. LOUIS TROOPS STILL ICE-BOUND--- GUNBOAT PRACTICE NEAR COLUMBUS.

Missouri---Colonel Carr's Column Advancing Toward Springfield---General Sigel Still at Rolla---German Emeute at St. Louis---Arrest of Col. Fitz Henry Warren.

STATE CONVENTION --- PROPOSITIONS ADOPTED---INCREASED LEGISLATURE---ANNUAL SESSIONS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, January 15, 1862.

Recent reconnoissances and reports from deserters establish the fact that the rebels's position at Centreville, where they have taken up winter quarters, is defended by twenty-six forts, armed with rifled and other excellent guns.

In the Maryland House of Delegates, on Monday, the chairman of the Militia Committee presented a reply from Gov. Andrew of Mass., to the proposition made by Maryland, to provide relief for the families of the 19th of April victims. He (Gov. Andrew,) says that he has to act on foot proper inquiries as to these families, and adds that "the past cannot indeed be forgotten, but it can be forgiven, and in the good providence of God, I believe the day is not far distant when the blood that was shed in Baltimore by those martyrs to a cause as holy as any for which sword was ever drawn, shall be known to have cemented in eternal union a prosperity, affection and nationality by the sister States of Maryland and Massachusetts."

There were sixteen thousand more bales of cotton in Liverpool, Dec. 28th, this year, than last year. This stock will be drawn upon for the supply of this country.

Assistant Secretary Scott (of the War Office) will not resign at present. Assistant Secretary Fox (of the Navy) will return to-morrow. He has been for the last two or three days in New York and Philadelphia, overseeing and expediting preparations for Porter's mortar fleet, which will shortly sail.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton was to-day confirmed as Secretary of War by the Senate, in executive session, by thirty-eight votes to two. No action was had on Cameron's nomination to Russia.

Gen. McClellan was before the "Conduct of the War" Committee to-day, and answered questions touching the present condition of the army in relation to transportation, subsistence and ability to move.

Mr. Richmond moved the adoption of the resolutions and the previous question, asked but withdrew it.

Mr. Anthony moved a reference to the Committee on Federal Relations. The ayes and noes were demanded, and while the roll was being called, Gen. Singleton, in explaining his vote, said he desired to know the antecedents of Mr. Stanton before endorsing him. He would vote for a reference.

Mr. Starne voted for the reference for the same reason, and these gentlemen having fed off, the Democracy fell into line.

Mr. Paddock changed his vote, and Mr. Fuller his, and so did several others, and then the resolutions were referred—ayes 87, noes 52, all of which amounts to this, that the Douglas Democracy are indignant that a Breckinridge man has been promoted to a seat in the Cabinet, over Holt, Dix, Gooch, Baker, Trumbull and better Douglas men.

The Secretary of the Convention has selected the *Staats Zeitung* of Chicago, to publish the proceedings, but has not determined the German Democratic organ.

The Chicago *Union* has been selected as the Democratic German newspaper to print the proceedings of the Convention. The principal business done in the Convention to-day has been in Committee of the Whole, which adopted the 3d, 4th and 5th articles without amendment. The 6th section has been so amended as to create thirty-three Senators and one hundred Representatives, and make that number permanent until the State has three millions population.

A large delegation of Illinois officers are here from Missouri, called, it is said, for the purpose of showing the necessity that demanded that the State Government should feed and clothe Illinois troops.

[To the Associated Press.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—The *Staats Zeitung* Rep.) and *Tageliche Union* (Dem.) are selected to publish the proceedings of the Convention in German.

The Secretary of State reports the cost of the Supreme Court report at five dollars per volume, amounting in ten years to $30,000. This will give "Lamp" a chance of a beautiful opportunity to pitch into Peck.

In Committee of the Whole, article No. 3 of the Constitution was amended so as to provide for the Senate and 100 Representatives, not to be increased until the State has a population of three millions; also, that no Representative shall be a president of a banking or railroad corporation.

No more changes will be made in the Constitution than are positively necessary to the convention is conservative in its character. It is now making visible progress in the disposal of business.

BURNSIDE'S EXPEDITION.

Nothing Heard from It---Troops left Behind at Fort Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 15.—Nothing has been heard from Burnside's Expedition. Nearly two thousand troops of it are still here, detained by the weather.

Secretary Stanton Confirmed---Financial Plan Agreed Upon with Secretary Chase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Senate, in extra session to-day, confirmed the nomination of E. M. Stanton as Secretary of War.

The result of various conferences held here by the Board of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, and banking interests, with the Secretary of the Treasury, may be summed up thus: First, the general views of the Secretary of the Treasury are sanctioned; second, banks will receive and pay out United States notes freely, and sustain in all proper ways their credit; third, the Secretary will, in the next two weeks, in addition to the current daily payment of $1,500,000 in U. S. notes, pay a further sum of at least $20,000,000 in 7-30 bonds, to actual creditors in order to relieve them, and thus relieve the existing pressure upon the community; 4th, the issue of United States demand notes is not to be increased beyond the fifty million now authorized, but it is desired that Congress will extend the provisions of the existing Loan Act to enable the Secretary to issue in exchange for United States demand notes, or in payment to creditors, notes payable in one year bearing 3.65 interest, convertible into 7-3-10 three years' bonds, or to borrow, under existing provisions, either 200 or 300 millions; 5th, it is thought desirable that Congress should enact a general currency law, relating to currency and banking associations, embodying the general provisions recommended by the Secretary in the last report; 6th, it is expected this action and legislation will render the making of United States demand notes a legal tender, and any increase beyond what is authorized unnecessary.

Five hundred men are at work to-day constructing the railroad from Washington to Alexandria, over Long Bridge. It is expected that it will be in operation in three weeks.

The case of Fremont's Adjt. Gen. McKeever, has been dismissed. He is now the mustering in officer of the army.

Breckinridge Still in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 15.—A despatch to-day's evening says that Breckinridge, Powell, Green and Buckner, are now, reporting seen in Bowling Green.

Edward Shands, a prisoner of war, whose parole expired yesterday, had hand-bills printed relative to deductions discovered in his accounts as late tax-collector, caused by the embezzlement of his Chief Clerk. He accuses the President of the Board of County Commissioners with unfair advantages, and refuses to pay any balance against him to the State authorities.

A great many speculations are current concerning the Missouri Senatorships to be appointed by Gov. Gamble. It is said by Frank Blair's friends that he has positively declined the use of his name.

The United States police to-day notified the Provost Marshal that all the notices of assessment on secessionists for the $10,000 ordered to be levied, had been served. The time expires for the payments of the money to-morrow.

It is reported that Col. Fitz Henry Warren, of the 1st Iowa Cavalry, is under arrest for disrespectful language to a superior officer.

The Evening *Democrat* has the following:

"We learn from entirely reliable authority that General Sigel is still a Brigadier-General in service, at Rolla, and that he has no intention of leaving the army."

The meaning of the above probably is that Sigel's resignation has not been accepted, and Sigel will not leave the army until it is.

An effort is to be made to clean out the Mercantile Library Association of its disloyal officers. The librarian is a brother of the rebel General Johnston.

The steamer Continental, with the 7th Iowa on board, is gorged in the ice near Sulphur Springs. The regiment will probably go by railroad to its destination.

The 11th Iowa, now at Fulton, Calloway county, has arrested several bridge burners, who are still held in custody. The boys complain of the Provost Marshal there for letting rebels off on taking the oath, and instantly too.

FROM CAIRO.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, January 15, 1862.

Part of our forces left Fort Jefferson for Bismarckville, this morning. Gen. Grant left here to-day, at 12 o'clock, to join them.

The flag ship Benton took a trip towards Dixie to-day, to try her machinery.

The troops from St. Louis have not arrived yet, being detained by the ice in the river.

The weather is moderating and we expect the troops hourly.

[To the Associated Press.]

CAIRO, Jan. 15.—Gen. Grant and staff left for Fort Jefferson on the steamer Chancellor this morning; where they were joined by Gen. Paine's command. From there they marched for Mayfield, under command of Gen. Grant, and the advance column will probably reach Mayfield to-night.

The steamers D. A. January and Continental, which left St. Louis, with troops, on Monday, have not yet arrived here.

There is very heavy ice running in the Mississippi.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 15, 1862.

This morning Mr. Richmond of Schuyler, in offering the following resolutions, threw a bomb shell into the camp of the Democracy. They were as follows:

Resolved, That we hail with undissembled gratification the welcome intelligence of the recent change in the War Department by the appointment in the place of Simon Cameron, of Hon. Edwin M. Stanton as Secretary of War, and cannot but regard the act as indicative of a determination by the Administration to put forth its utmost energies for the present rebellion by vigorous, energetic and Constitutional measures for the speedy restoration of the Constitution throughout the whole extent of our once happy and united republic.

Resolved, That the Administration shall pursue a constitutional course. In such of its measures as may be necessary to overcome and subdue insurgent, believing as we do that such a course will inspire confidence throughout the whole country that this desired result will be attained.

Mr. Richmond moved the adoption of the resolutions and the previous question, asked but withdrew it.

Mr. Anthony moved a reference to the Committee on Federal Relations. The ayes and noes were demanded, and while the roll was being called, Gen. Singleton, in explaining his vote, said he desired to know the antecedents of Mr. Stanton before endorsing him. He would vote for a reference.

Mr. Starne voted for the reference for the same reason, and these gentlemen having fed off, the Democracy fell into line.

Mr. Paddock changed his vote, and Mr. Fuller his, and so did several others, and then the resolutions were referred—ayes 87, noes 52, all of which amounts to this, that the Douglas

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE.

We have a letter from Washington, written by a gentleman whose opportunities for knowing that whereof he affirms, are unsurpassed, in which the fear is expressed that the members of Congress will be unequal to the crisis—that is, that a majority of them have not that firmness and unselfish patriotism which will impel them to face the danger of unpopularity and defeat at home, as an anticipated result of a prompt, fearless and intelligent doing of their duty. "The conviction is as profound "as it is general," says the writer, "that "nothing but taxation heavy enough to "satisfy capitalists that we mean to pay the "interest on our fast accumulating debt, "and heavy enough also to create a sinking fund which will be a guaranty of the "ultimate payment of the principal, can "save our armies from defeat and disgrace, "and the national interests of the country "from ruin. But action does not follow "conviction. Messrs. A, B, C and D are "candidates for re-election next November, "and are afraid that a vote for a tax will defeat them in caucus or before the people. "E, F and G expect to be in the Senate, "and they too must keep their sails so "trimmed as not to lose the popular breeze. "A few more think that war is not so bad a "thing after all, and it is not well to conclude it in a hurry. Are not contracts "abundant in war times? Still others believe, they know not why, that there is a "way not yet discovered in which our six "hundred thousand men can be fed, "clothed, armed, transported and fought "without money—that bits of printed "paper with a signature or two "attached, representing no solid value, "immediate or prospective, will do the "work and keep the tax gatherer—always "a hateful ogre—away from the dear "people's doors. And all these, and those "whom they represent in and out of Congress, will defeat any sufficient bill which "the real economists and statesmen will "mature."

This information, unwelcome though it is, and arguing, as it does, a very low political and moral status in the two Houses, accords so well with what we have before heard, that we are afraid our informant is not mistaken. It will be lucky for these time-serving, popularity seeking representatives if he is. We believe that the people now want their leaders to deal honestly with them—to expose all the dangers, present or lurking, like the villain in tragedy, in the background, that they must encounter—to point out and fairly estimate the weight of the burdens that they must bear to carry the Government triumphantly and honorably through the terrible struggle of the year. In this matter of finance, especially, they demand publicity and fearlessness. "Tell us," they say, "what we must do. Keep "nothing back. Let us have no quackery "in what should be a plain matter of business that, any of us, "when it is properly presented, can understand. We know that war is expensive "—that it is not carried on without money. "But this is our Government, our war, our "country. We are willing to pay what is "demanded. But don't cheat us. Do not "pile up evils for another period by fearing "to tell us all the truth, and by refusing to "take us into your confidence." This, we believe, is the language that the people hold—the honest speaking of patriotism that will not shrink from a full performance of its duty. The Congress now in session will do well to give heed!

IS TREASON GUILT?

There is no greater crime than revolt from just authority, and no guilt deeper and blacker than the guilt of treason to a mild and good Government. The opinion of all men in every age, and the voice of Heaven itself, unite in affixing to such guilt and crime the severest penalties and most lasting infamy. And yet for various reasons, growing out of our larger liberties, the asserted sovereignty of individual States, and the persistent and able advocacy of secession theories and practices through many years by ambitious and designing men, the judgment of too many has been misled, and their eyes blinded to the dark and wicked nature of this great rebellion.

There has been from the beginning of this conspiracy, and exists now in too many minds, a readiness to regard the whole matter of secession, as only one more phase of Popular Government; a new mode of changing rulers; somewhat more expensive and dangerous than the modes hitherto in use, but none the less in accordance with the fundamental principles of our institutions, and every way right and proper.

Many seem to regard it as simply a new kind of political campaign, with two parties struggling as usual for power, and the contest being carried on by armed instead of unarmed citizens, and to be decided by the bullet instead of the ballot. To men with these views there is no treason and no guilt in the principles or conduct of these Southern leaders and their men. If they should fail in their plans and be defeated, they should always be treated as men who have been contending nobly and bravely for what they thought justice and honor. They have only substituted in politics a conspiracy for a caucus; the machinery of an army for that of a party; and when overcome they are to be left as at the end of every political campaign, secure in lives and property, guarded and preserved in all constitutional rights the same as other good citizens; and indeed it would not be unwise to show them rather more favor, treat them with marked indulgence, and a somewhat partial kindness, that some few prejudices they seem to have, and some slight frowardness, may be subdued and forever removed.

And even while the great conflict is going on, and they to insure success stop at no atrocity, and recoil from no crime, yet it is better not to strike them too hard blows; we had best do all gently, for otherwise we might rouse their passions; might do them injuries they could never forget or forgive; might breed in their loving hearts feelings of hate and revenge; and all this being done, how could we ever live together again in peace and harmony? How could their lion ever lie down with our lamb?

It might nevertheless be well for all who think thus to consider for a moment whether a rebellious power that strikes with all its force at the Nation's life; that drives back every friendly advance with scorn and hate; that rejects all fair offers with contempt and derision; that breaks in pieces with wild joy the bonds of union; and flings back in your faces all the rights and guards of your Constitution, and will none of them; whether such a foe in such temper is to be wooed with soft speeches, won back by kind treatment, and bound again to obedience and loyalty by silken cords of love; or, whether it must not be beaten under with an iron rod, seized and overcome by the armed and resistless hand of power.

It is also well not to forget that rebellion is crime, and treason guilt of the deepest dye. That crime must be seized and guilt must be punished. And yet they who hold the scales and bear the sword, instead of making the law a terror, and justice an avenger against these rebels, seem to be backward in taking their property or condemning their lives. There stand the entrenched traitors, strong in arms and insolent in defiance; and here lie the defenders of the Nation, invincible in the righteousness of their cause, but find no will or no means to smite down and trample under foot the wicked and defiant foe. But heart and strength are found to hope and pray treason may see the error of his way and repent; rebellion may be converted and do better; crime and guilt confess and be forgiven; and in the meantime let it be our pleasing duty to see that they do as themselves as little harm as may be.

CERTAIN CONSOLATIONS.

Illinois this year will, if that State Convention, in the plenitude of its power, does not reverse the order of the seasons, realize enough from the crop of sorghum to be planted, to pay for all the sugar that will be used in the State; she will grow cotton enough, if there is no failure to get seed, to supply domestic consumption of woven fabrics; she ought to make wine enough to reduce the price of the commoner sorts to forty cents a gallon; and if to her was awarded the contract of feeding the army, she could supply the bread, beef and pork and have a large surplus to spare. We wish we could say that she will grow wool enough to make a sack for every man and boy and a yellow flannel petticoat for every woman and girl living on her soil. We ought at least to raise hemp enough to hang home-made traitors, and flax enough to mix with our cotton, according to the latest process. She will ship lead enough from her Galena mines to kill every secessionist in Secessia, admitting, even, that each son-of-a-gun will carry off as many bullets as a grizzly bear. And if our banks were in full blast, the Government could put them in commission and they would supply paper money enough, just as good and a great deal cheaper than that of New England, to carry on the war. These are consolations neither few nor unimportant.

THE KENTUCKY DELEGATION.

The all-powerful delegation of the Kentucky State Government, now in Washington, is composed of the following gentlemen; Hon. John F. Fisk, President of the Senate and acting Lieutenant Governor; Senators T. F. Marshall and J. K. Goodloe; Representatives G. P. Webster and John B. Huston; and Adjutant General Finnell. As stated in the Kentucky papers, at the time of their departure, their mission is to impress upon the President the necessity of conforming to the Constitution in "the carrying on of the Government." The old adage should be changed a bit, to read —"Kentucky rules the hour."

BORING FOR THE SIMPLES.

If there is any man in Congress weak enough to consent to the issue of Treasury Notes of the denomination of two and three dollars, he should be instantly bored for the simples, and sent home. Yet our dispatches say that the Committee of Ways and Means is seriously entertaining a proposition to do that very thing. Has paper money banking eaten out the common sense, as slavery has consumed the conscience of the Nation?

Doings of the Bank Committees.

The Bank Committees from Boston, New York and Philadelphia had several protracted conferences with the Committee of Ways and Means. The first scheme of financial relief they proposed was for the Government to throw its bonds on the market and sell them for what they would fetch. The second was for the Government to borrow of the banks the amount it needed, and to hypothecate its bonds as security for the loan, the banks to be at liberty to sell the bonds for what they would bring if the loan was not punctually paid. The Committee of Ways and Means, through Mr. Spaulding, objected to any and every form of "shinning" by Government through Wall or State streets, to begin with; objected to the knocking down of Government stocks to 75 or 80 cents on the dollar, the inevitable result of throwing a new and large loan on the market; modestly claimed for Treasury notes as much virtue of par value as the notes of banks which have suspended specie payment possess, and which yet freely circulate in the trade of the North, and finished with firmly refusing to assent to any scheme which should permit a speculation by the banks in the depreciation of public credit, particularly any scheme which should double the public debt of the country, and double the expenses of the war, by damaging the credit of the Government to the extent of fifty per cent. by sending it to "shin" for money through the shaving shops of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. He affirmed his conviction as a banker and a legislator, that it was the lawful policy as well as the manifest duty of the Government to legalize as tender its fifty million issue of small Treasury notes and to add to this stock of legal tender immediately one hundred millions more. He knew that this financial measure would carry the country through the war and save its credit and its dignity; at the same time he should insist upon a direct taxation, abundantly ample to pay the interest of every dollar of the public obligation, and to give this generation a clear show of the speedy liquidation of the National debt.

Antediluvian Trees.

We saw, a few days since, two remarkable specimens of petrified trees from Pike's Peak. They belong to the University of Chicago, and so far as our knowledge extends, though a young institution, it has the finest and largest specimens of the antediluvian forests with which we are acquainted. One is lost in his own thoughts, while attempting to grasp the vast revolutions which have passed over our planet since those immense trees grew upon the mountains, hundreds of ages before Adam dwelt in the garden of Eden.

While the change to stone is complete the structure of the wood is as perfectly preserved as if no change had occurred. The petrifying agent was Silica, and it may be seen incrusting some portions of the surface in white and blue globules.

From the curvature of the annual rings of growth, we judge the tree from which these specimens come to have been at least fourteen feet in diameter, and their number and thickness indicate that it must have required about one thousand and six hundred years to grow to that size. The larger specimen of the two is over nine feet in circumference at the base, on which it stands nearly erect, and is five feet and a half high, and weighs one ton and a half (3000 pounds.) The other specimen is nearly as long, weighing half as much, and is nearly uniform in size from end to end, while the larger specimen tapers from the base to about half the size at the top.

The species to which these wonderful specimens belong has probably been long extinct, but they appear to resemble very closely in every respect the California redwood; and for a public institution of learning they constitute a most beautiful and lasting monument of the primeval pre-Adamic forest to which they belonged. They are well worthy of the attention of the curious and the scientific.

The Strength of the Army.

It is questioned whether the actual number of Federal troops in the field exceed 550,000, as the reports of the Governors of States would seem to indicate this number as more correct than that of 660,000, stated by the Secretary of War. New York, credited by Mr. Cameron with 100,000 men, by the report of Governor Morgan, allowing for discharges, deaths, and prisoners, has about 89,000. She has 14,500 more yet encamped in the State, however. Ohio is credited by Mr. Cameron with 81,305; Governor Dennison says she has furnished 77,844, of which 31,679 are within her own limits. Pennsylvania is credited with 94,780; Governor Curtin says her number is 96,577, not making any allowances for discharges, deaths, &c., which may reduce the number to the neighborhood of 80,000. Pennsylvania, however, has 16,038 yet encamped on her own soil. Illinois is credited with 80,000, though the Adjutant General only claims 66,000, which is 21,300 more than her share of half a million. Wisconsin is also placed much higher than the truth. So also of Michigan and Iowa. Massachusetts is set down as having furnished 26,700 volunteers. The Governor shows the equivalent of about twenty-seven regiments, and the allowance for losses and discharges would, therefore, no doubt bring the number very much below the Secretary's figure. We have, however, men enough, if properly moved, to crush out the rebellion speedily.

A New Weapon of Destruction.

There is at present on exhibition and trial at the Government Arsenal in Washington, a novel instrument of death, in the shape of a revolving rifle or cannon. Its construction is as follows: There are eighteen rifled barrels placed parallel to and equi-distant from a centre shaft, with open breech, and revolving similar to the old Allen revolver. By the application of a hereden gear, these barrels are put in motion.

The charge is inserted into the open breech while passing a small hopper or receptacle at one side, and opposite the center shaft. One man turns a crank while other feeds in the prepared charges, and as each barrel passes the hopper directly above the centre shaft, a Minie ball weighing one and a half ounces on its mission of destruction. The range of this gun is two miles, and may be discharged with ordinary working at the rate of forty balls a minute. The gun is set to a particular point and let at work: its range will not vary while in operation, and the accuracy with which it throws its projectiles is truly wonderful.

The whole weight of the gun, mounted upon wheels, is only six hundred pounds, rendering its management upon the field perfectly easy either by hand or horse.

Gen. Lane will take two of these revolving guns with his expedition.

The chief use of the gun will be to work against artillery; in this capacity it will be an effective and fearful weapon.

Cairo Contracts.

A special dispatch by the N. Y. *Tribune* says:

Quartermaster-General Meigs has preferred charges against Capt. Reuben P. Hatch, Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers. He is accused of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," in having last December, at Chicago, paid for 300,000 feet of lumber the excessive rate of $10 a thousand, although he knew that a charge of fraud in the matter was pending against one Wilcox, his clerk and agent at the time.

Ten dollars per 1,000 feet was somewhat above the market price, but it cannot fairly be called excessive or exorbitant. The rates at the time were $8.75@9.50 per thousand. We do not believe that any part of the excess found its way into Mr. Hatch's pocket, whom we believe to be an honest man. He may have made a bad bargain for the Government, but we are quite confident that he did not obtain a cent by the transaction.

Is the Convention Legally Organized?

The Springfield *Journal* raises the question whether the Constitutional Convention is legally organized, inasmuch as the delegates were sworn only to support the Constitution of the United States, whereas the act of the Legislature prescribed the form of an oath which was not taken. The Convention has, indeed, since its organization, resolved that acts of the Legislature have no binding force upon a sovereign Convention of the people, but before the Convention was organized these acts were in force as much as at the election when delegates were chosen. The *Journal*, therefore, sums up that the Convention, "not having complied with the law, is not yet a legally organized body, competent to do the work for which the people have called it together."

Health of the Army.

The report of the Medical Board states that the sanitary condition of the United States army is, in general, eminently satisfactory. It declares the fever which has, to a considerable extent, prevailed in the camps, under the name of typhoid fever, is evidently of a malarious origin, having been most effectually checked when treated as malarial, with quinine and mercury. The cases are not what is generally known as typhoid fever in the the Northern States. The Board suggests the means of preventing disease of this sort—namely, sufficient space for quarters; proper discretion in allotment of time for drill; the rigid enforcement of cleanliness; and diversion of the mind by gymnastic and other sports.

Sanitary Report of the Western Department.

The Western Sanitary Commissioners of the army, at St. Louis, publish a report of the hospitals for the period between August 11th and January 1st. The number of patients admitted in that period to the general and post hospitals at St. Louis, were 8,676; of whom 528 had died, and 1,407 remained at the close of the period. Other hospitals near St. Louis contained on January 1st, 1,044 patients; the hospital at Rolla, 1,468; and hospitals (not including quarters,) along the line of the Pacific railroad, contained 1,340. It thus appears that the total number of cases under treatment on the 1st of January in all the hospitals, were 5,259. The Commissioners say it should be remembered that generally it is the very *sick* who are sent from the camp and regimental hospitals to the general hospitals. Of the number admitted to the latter, eighty-four were in a dying condition, and died soon afterwards. This has increased the per centage of deaths in the general hospitals beyond what it would otherwise have been. The report concludes:

It may be added that the Western Sanitary Commission is assiduously engaged in collecting all *facts* of interest in a sanitary and medical point of view, which are being developed in the progress of the war, in addition to giving physical aid and comfort to the sick and wounded soldiers of our Western army, they design publishing regular monthly reports of attendance, diseases, deaths, &c., in the hospitals of this city and vicinity. They are gratified to see the interest which the condition of the soldiers has awakened in the hearts of our community, and will be happy to give information to all who desire it, at the rooms of the Commission, in the hospital corner of Fourth and Elm streets.

Charges Against Gen. Benham.

The following is a copy of the letter disposing for the present of the charges against Gen. Benham:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJT. GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 1862.

Brigadier Gen. W. S. Rosecrans:

Major General McClellan directs me to say that the charges filed by you against Brigadier General Benham cannot be sent to trial until the state of military operations will permit a court martial to be convened, and the witnesses now in active service in the field to attend to it. As soon as this can be done he will appoint a court. He is not willing, if possible, but as the charges are too grave to be dismissed, they must be reserved for trial when the convenience of the service will permit.

I am, &c., respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
L. THOMAS, Adjt. Gen'l.

☞ We learn from the Evansville *Journal* that some soldiers had been engaged in quarrying stone for some time past in the vicinity of Carsville, Ky., but on the opposite side of the river. Finding themselves getting short of provisions, they dispatched a small party to Carsville to lay in a fresh supply. A squad of rebel cavalry dropped into the village about the same time, and 'gobbled up' the Union troops. Deeming an explanation necessary, several of the citizens visited the camps across the river to demonstrate that they were entirely innocent of any complicity in the surprise of the Federal troops. Their explanations appear to have been unsatisfactory, for they were immediately placed under arrest, and are now held as hostages for the return of the Union prisoners. The rebel scouting parties still have entire control of the whole country between Hendersen and Smithland, and are likely to have for many days to come, judging from present appearances.

☞ The West Pointers of high rank who have commanded our armies so far, seem to be that the rebels shall be too severely whipped. They are not for secession or disunion; they want the Union restored; but they are even more solicitous that slavery shall emerge unharmed from the contest It has most wantonly, perfidiously provoked. They are willing the rebels shall be whipped enough to make them ready to compromise, but not that they shall be so thrashed as to be compelled to surrender at discretion. And if we could have a war all expense and little or no fighting, until the loyal States should be exhausted, discouraged, disgusted, and ready to buy a peace of Jeff. Davis by almost any possible surrender, they would be still better suited.

☞ A miserable nigger calling himself Charles Wesley Browning, and claiming the charities of people for injuries he claims to have received in Missouri, is humbugging the people of Iowa with his story, which the papers expose as being a lie from beginning to end. The Davenport *Gazette*, Illion County *Register*, Dubuque *Times*, and papers at Cedar Rapids, Anamosa and other places, have in turn exposed him, and still he imposes upon people and is carrying on a very extensive game of fraud. Look out for the black face of Charles Wesley Browning—a villain at large upon the charitable public.

☞ The Lancers, at Detroit, despite all that has been said about them, seem to be getting along very well. The papers of Tuesday announce that on the day previous two hundred of the men enlisted came down from camp to receive the lances that have thus far been finished. After receiving them, the companies paraded the streets, and with their new uniforms and lances, with red and white pennons streaming in the wind, presented a decidedly gay appearance.

☞ The case of ex-Treasurer McKinney, of Michigan, charged with fraud upon the State finances, has been fully argued before the Supreme Court, at Lansing, and on Monday was submitted to the Court for its decision. The merits of the case did not enter into the argument at all, the exceptions taken up being wholly upon legal points. Those who heard the argument pronounce it to have been able upon both sides.

☞ The virtuous Louisville *Journal* enters a feeble protest against the traitorous proceedings of the Breckinridge Democratic Convention at Indianapolis. The *Journal* fears such conventions will divide and distract the North ern conservatives.

☞ The Dubuque *Times* denies that the branches of the State Bank are paying out depreciated currency to persons having checks or drafts upon them.

☞ Col. George K. Steele of the 43d Indiana regiment has resigned. The regiment is at

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Financial Measures for the Army to Act Upon—The Bill, Tariff and Currency—Secretary Welles Again—All hands after the Thieves—The Case of Benjamin Stark—Debate Between Trumbull and Bayard.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, January 12, 1862.

Much unnecessary jargon is being poured out against Congress for its hesitation to act on financial matters. The fact is, Congress cannot fill the Treasury—*the army can*. Congress *can* put into the vaults a few cubic yards, more or less, of treasury note chaff. But I do not wonder that members hesitate to do so. The country can well afford to await the utmost deliberation in the premises. Let our generals have the best possible moment of time in which to save the country and restore at once its moral, political and financial soundness. It is for them to do it, if it be done at all. Six hundred thousand soldiers have been given them; everything which could be asked or desired, to make up military efficiency, has been lavished upon them. When General McClellan came here, we had no cavalry or artillery, or comparatively none, and our great power at sea had not in a single case been tested in republican, fleet to fleet, shipto-ship (thousand guns only not sixty thousand) save by trenches and fort to fort. Artillery to match; and wherever our ships have been ordered, by fire and destroy the enemy's works, they have done it. Still the army, which has grown from an assessment to a leviathan, remains torpid at Washington. Correspondents did boast of this, with his half million of ragabond Asiatics. But let us wait and see what comes of Burnside's expedition. We are told in several official communications to Congress that "it is gratifying to know that the patriotism of the people is equal to the emergency." Perhaps it is. The statement is being tested. Let us wait and see. Meanwhile warm and damp weather has set in. Washington has been, for two days, shut up in a dense London fog, and I am told that the same, on the other side of the river, are becoming bad.

As to the financial measures of Congress, there need be no doubts about the passage of an adequate tax bill; but such a measure cannot be prepared in a day. No considerable amount of revenue can be expected from duties on imports. The Morrill tariff insured us against that for the present. If, however, a few hundred millions are added to the paper currency, that difficulty will be obviated, and our imports will be so heavy that we shall need two Morrill tariffs—one to protect manufacturers and miners, and the other to protect farmers and lumbermen. Prices are going up at the rate of half per cent. per day in anticipation of the new additions to the currency. When we enter upon the full tide of Government spending, how long will it be ere the price of wheat in New York will be higher than in Liverpool? Doubtless Mr. Morrill will then come forward with a tariff on breadstuffs for the protection of the farmers. He is certainly one of the most obliging gentlemen in Congress, and, exception the subject of tariffs, one of the most enlightened.

Secretary Welles is really very painful. I am informed, on the best authority, that he has been using every effort to make Mr. Rogers' ships-of-the-line pass, and that Morgan at one time promised to do so, but has now refused, or at least failed to fulfil his promise. The Secretary is old and pliable, and has been too yielding, perhaps too confiding and too little skilled in the business of his Department. He is a lawyer by profession and talk with him five minutes without being impressed with his simplicity and candor. He is a little above the medium height; has a pleasant, intelligent countenance; in five minutes had Bayard and his client reduced to mince meat, showing that the argument of the former would compel him to abandon his case. He wears a long gray beard and grey wig. He is decidedly a character. Old and dried, he looks as though he had been preserved in crumbs, so soft and harmonious are his wrinkles. He is far from being an aged man. The only thing which seems not susceptible of an explanation consistent with the honesty of the Secretary, is the fact that a contract for 300,000 feet was reached $50,000, for two month's work, the Investigating Committee went to him (Welles) and told the whole case before him, urging him to cancel it. Now it is said the contract was continued until the sum of $95,000 (as is carefully estimated) had found its way to the pocket of the brother-in-law—a sum equal to a salary of $200,000 per annum, or more than twice that of the President, his whole Cabinet, the Vice President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, put together! All this, be it observed, was in a time of war and public danger, when the country *peculiarly* needed every dollar that could be saved. Now if Secretary Welles is an honest man? Senator Hale, while condemning him the other day, admitted that he was. Senator Wilkinson thought he was not—and everything with much force that men are to be judged by their *acts*, and not by the eulogies of admiring friends. I think that every member of Congress, on the Pacific Railroad line of this transaction became public, would have replied that he believed Secretary Welles to be one of the most perfectly upright men that ever held a seat in the Cabinet Council.

The *Republicans* of this morning comes out with a slip-shod defense, a good deal worse than none. The fact that Mr. Welles is the employment of Morgan saved the Government a great deal more than the sum he abstracted. At best, this is a matter of opinion, and the opinion of the Committee on Retrenchment is actly the opposite. It taxes the intelligence of the country to believe that there was not a competent man to be found in New York, or the whole Union, who would do the same work which Morgan was called to perform, for one-tenth or one-twentieth of the money. Not even the marine corps will believe that yarn!

The spirit which has been aroused by this Morgan business should be a terror to evil doers. Secretary Welles is not the only one. The Alexander Cummings business is less excusable than Secretary Welles's pet job, and the amount involved is much greater. These two transactions are alike in the fact that regular United States officers were pushed aside to make room for outside favorites, but in aggravation of the latter, there is nothing in his work according to some kind of rules and regulations, while Cummings did not. Morgan took nothing but his money, so that the Government really has something to show for the expenditure, while Cummings squandered his for Scotch ale, straw hats, selected herring, pickled mangoes, and strange, as we are reflect upon it, that he did not spend the whole quarter of a million for green spectacles.

I infer that that astute chap, the Government censor, suppressed my telegraph notice of Col. Craig's charges against Gen. Ripley. The specific charge was, that Ripley altered an official paper of his (Craig's) for the purpose of inducing Secretary Floyd to sign an order allowing Ripley to go to Japan, in the U. S. steamer Powhatan, then on the Pacific Asia and Europe, receiving mileage and double commutation allowances for fuel and quarters the while distance; he (Ripley) having been already detailed to the duty of superintending the

Sewing Machines.

$30 AND $35 EACH.

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE COMPA

71 Dearborn Street, McCormick's Block

Address A. SANGE,

Agent for the Northwestern States.

Post-Office Box 5966, Chicago.

SEND FOR A CIRCULAR, or call and exa

before purchasing elsewhere.

CHANDLER & FULLER

$30 Thirty Dollar

SEWING MACHIN

Having the

NEW ECCENTRIC FEED,

Which is never failing, is capable of doing as wide

as any other machine, and is unsurpassed by the simplest.

Double-Threaded Machine

Ever invented. Before purchasing any other, call

Agents wanted, to whom a liberal discount will be given.

CHANDLER & FULLER,

116 N. Franklin street, Chicago, Ill.—P. O. Box 5

ELLIOT'S IMPROVE

"PEARL"

SEWING MACHINES

SEWING MACHINES

WE KNOW, AND SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE,

when we say that ELLIOT'S IMPROVED "PEARL" S

1200 MACHINES, sold by G. F. CHANDLER & CO., in the

Chicago, are the cheapest and most reliable

of any machine we have seen for family use. The

that because a Sewing Machine is CHEAP it cannot

good, is driven from our stand, and from the mar

better hair." by the "good works" and the endo

liability of the machine above referred to, which h

at the low price of $30.

Commend it in the highest terms, which be

confidence to our friends.—(Chicago Journal.

$30 EACH.

$30 EACH.

These machines are used throughout the co

giving satisfaction to all who use them. Every

warranted for three years. Instruction book made, and fu

sent free. They are fully warranted.

Agents wanted, to whom a liberal discount will be

machine, reader it perfect in every respect and

Warrants full and explicit directions for using

Each machine is fully warranted.

Send for sample of sewing on cloth, in lieu

or call and see a machine in operation.

Our Machines all stand on a handsome table, and

are furnished by a responsible dealer in each town, to

and a sample of work, including all the various stitches

form of a request, or, if not convenient to write, a

will be left at your residence, when, if it does not

for till received.

AGENTS WANTED, Address

GEO. F. COLLINS & CO.,

OFFICE—139 LAKE STREET, (up-stairs), CHICAG

[dec21-m703-1y]

L. CORNELL & CO.

L. CORNELL & CO.'S

SEWING MACHINES

SEWING MACHINES

PRICES FROM $35 TO $90.

WILCOX & GIBBS' PATEN

4,000 Stitches per Minute.

The most RAPID and SIMPLE machine in the wo

BLIND person can set it in order or stop stitching

which fastens the loop to the cloth, and then the

which fastens the stitch in the centre of the loop

GUARANTEED perfect. No. 1 ST ONE. Satisfa

of the most wholly families of this city h

Send for pamphlet for Samples and Circular, or call

CORNELL & CO., Box 31, Chicago, Ill.

Oil and Lamps.

COAL OIL! COAL OIL

200 BARRELS

KIER'S BEST EXCELSIOR

JUST RECEIVED BY

POPE & SLOCUM

122 SOUTH CLARK STREE

CHICAGO LEAD AND OI

WORKS.

Corner Clinton and Fulton-Sts, West Side.

LEAD PIPE, BULLETS, BAR & SHEET LE

LINSEED OIL,

Shot, White Lead, Red Lead and Lithar

PUMPS AND HYDRAULIC RAMS.

Orders from the trade solicited. Highest mar

price paid for Flax Seed. P. O. Box 6746.

E. F. BLATCHFORD

Stationery.

JONES, PERDUE & SMAL

STATIONERS

AND

BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURER

Having the three Departments of

Paper Ruling,

Printing,

and Bindin

Combined in this Establishment, would respectf

call the attention of BUSINESS MEN to want of

ANYTHING IN THE ABOVE LIN

To their superior facilities for furnishing a good

Office or Counting Room Outfit.

JONES, PERDUE & SMALL,

No. 122 Lake street.

Skates.

SKATES! SKATES!!—A go

assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Skates now

at reduced prices.

J. W. LOOMIS'S 139 Lake street

SOMETHING ENTIRELY NE

THE DIME CREEPER,

The nicest thing in the world to prevent falling in

very weather. 10c.

Just Received,

Another lot of WRITE'S CELEBRATED

STUB TOE SKATES

These Skates are used in New York, Boston, Ph

Buffalo, Indiana, and St. Louis, in preference to all

Peugeot's Great Variety Stor

No. 108 LAKE STREET.

SKATE EMPORIUM

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN'S SKATES.

CHILDRENS' SKATES, and Skates of every descr

for the Holidays.

BRO. T. ABBETT, 120 Lake st

Music Books.

THE NEW MUSIC BOO

ASAPH; OR, THE CHOIR BOOK: A collection of

the Music, Hymns and Tunes, Anthems and Chants, Old

and Modern Church Music, and a selection of

Church Music and Congregational Singing, and

Music for Conventions, Singing Schools and Choirs.

Price $1.25 per copy.

Published and for sale by Lovell and Wilson Brothers.

ASAPH; OR, THE CHOIR BOOK: A collection of

the Music, Hymns and Tunes, Anthems and Chants, Old

and Modern Church Music, and a selection of

Church Music and Congregational Singing, and

Music for Conventions, Singing Schools and Choirs.

Price $1.25 per copy.

Published and for sale by Lovell and Wilson Brothers.

Holiday Presents.

FURS FOR THE HOLIDAY

A complete assortment of

LADIES' FURS,

CLOAKS, CAPES, VICTORINE

MUFFS, CUFFS, &c.,

Made in the best possible manner, from our stock

of Siberian Sables.

Fancy and Buffalo Robes, Hats, C

And Gentlemen's Furs,

In great variety.

HASSETT & SAMUELSON,

No. 120 Lake st., corner of Wells-

Sewing Machines.

$30 AND $35 EACH.

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE

UNION SEWING MACHINE COMPA

71 Dearborn Street, McCormick's Block

Address A. SANGE,

Agent for the Northwestern States.

Post-Office Box 5966, Chicago.

SEND FOR A CIRCULAR, or call and exa

before purchasing elsewhere.

CATARRH! CATARRH!

CATARRH REMEDY,

A SURE CURE FOR

COLD IN THE HEAD.

Which is pleasant to use. It is not a liquid to snuff up the nostrils, but a

powder, a small portion of which is applied to the nostrils, and is drawn into the head by

inhaling through the nose. It is perfectly safe, and can be used with the most delicate

child. Sold by druggists, or sent by mail for 50 cents. Address

CATARRH IN THE NOSE.

Commencing in the throat and, bronchial tubes,

Terminates in that fearful disease Consumption, and by

neglect or improper treatment thousands are yearly hurried to untimely graves. Dr.

SANFORD'S INHALER is the only sure way to cure Consumption

CATARRH, and Bronchitis.

Thousands of persons in every part of the country are using Dr. SANFORD'S INHALER

with unfailing success. Many have been changed from hopeless invalids to health and

vigor by its use. Many who have been given up to die by their physicians, after trying

every other remedy, have been restored to perfect health by the use of the INHALER.

Many clergymen have used it in their congregations, and recommend it to their friends.

Many public speakers and singers say they would not be without it for ten times its cost.

Many mothers say it is worth its weight in gold to their children. Many children say

they would not be without it for any consideration. Many druggists say it is the most

wonderful remedy they ever saw. Many physicians say it is the most successful remedy

they ever used. Many persons say it has saved them from the grave. Many persons say

it has cured them of Catarrh of long standing. Many persons say it has cured them of

Bronchitis. Many persons say it has cured them of Consumption. Many persons say it

has relieved them of Asthma. Many persons say it has relieved them of Hoarseness.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Loss of Voice. Many persons say it has relieved

them of Deafness. Many persons say it has relieved them of Ringing Noises in the Head.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Neuralgia. Many persons say it has relieved

them of Headache. Many persons say it has relieved them of Sore Throat. Many persons

say it has relieved them of Bronchial Affections. Many persons say it has relieved them

of Coughs. Many persons say it has relieved them of Colds. Many persons say it has

relieved them of Irritation of the Throat and Lungs. Many persons say it has relieved

them of Pain in the Chest. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Side.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Back. Many persons say it has

relieved them of Pain in the Limbs. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the

Joints. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Stomach. Many persons say

it has relieved them of Pain in the Bowels. Many persons say it has relieved them of

Pain in the Kidneys. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Bladder.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Head. Many persons say it has

relieved them of Pain in the Face. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the

Eyes. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Ears. Many persons say it

has relieved them of Pain in the Nose. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in

the Throat. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Chest. Many persons

say it has relieved them of Pain in the Lungs. Many persons say it has relieved them of

Pain in the Heart. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Liver. Many

persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Kidneys. Many persons say it has relieved

them of Pain in the Bladder. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Head.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Face. Many persons say it has

relieved them of Pain in the Eyes. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the

Ears. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Nose. Many persons say it

has relieved them of Pain in the Throat. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain

in the Chest. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Lungs. Many persons

say it has relieved them of Pain in the Heart. Many persons say it has relieved them of

Pain in the Liver. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Kidneys. Many

persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Bladder. Many persons say it has relieved

them of Pain in the Head. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Face.

Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Eyes. Many persons say it has

relieved them of Pain in the Ears. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the

Nose. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Throat. Many persons say

it has relieved them of Pain in the Chest. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain

in the Lungs. Many persons say it has relieved them of Pain in the Heart. Many persons

say it has relieved them of Pain in the Liver

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

THE CITY.

☞ See advertisement of Old's Patent Bag Holder, in to-day's paper.

CIRCUIT COURT.—There will be no call of the civil docket of the Circuit Court again during the present week. When resumed, it will commence at No. 371.

☞ The TRIBUNE Almanac for 1862 will be received by John R. Walsh, corner Madison street and Custom House Place, at 11 A. M., to-day. He is prepared to supply it at the single copy, dozen or hundred at New York prices.

BOARDING AN ALDERMAN.—A valuable buffalo robe was stolen from Ald. Botsford's barn on Wabash Avenue, Tuesday night. The thief was evidently not at all impressed with the dignity of a City Father, nor frightened by the claws of the proverbial turtle.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.—At the last meeting of the Board of the Ladies Baptist Education Society, it was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of the society be tendered to those gentlemen who have rendered such efficient service to their cause, by the delivery of the able and instructive course of lectures on the "Characteristics of Nations."

ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT ON THE DEATH OF JUDGE BARRON.—The series of resolutions relating to the feeling of the members of the bar on the death of the late Judge Barron, were yesterday presented to the United States Circuit Court by District Attorney E. C. Larned. After appropriate discussion, these resolutions were ordered engrossed upon the court records by Judge Drummond.

MR. SCRIVEN'S ADVERTISING AGENCY.—Our remarks yesterday upon bogus advertising agencies at New York, made an honorable exception of Pettingill & Co., and Hooper & Son, and to that it may be added that Mr. C. H. Scriven of this city is the only other prominent advertiser in this country who is "sure pay." Country editors need have no suspicion of his integrity, found—al, as it is, on several years' successful business in the Northwest.

SALE OF JEWELRY.—The great closing out sale of Geo. W. Stevens & Co., the well-known jewellers No. 77 Lake street, is affording the community a most excellent opportunity to purchase jewelry and silverware at the most reasonable rates, an opportunity which is rapidly being improved by the public. The most costly and beautiful articles of jewelry are offered at rates which bring them within the reach of all.

MUSICAL.—Heller, the magician, who has been performing his feats of necromancy for several evenings past at Bryan Hall, has been creating a great sensation by his musical abilities which far surpass his slight of hand tricks and make us regret that so excellent a pianist should lower music by mixing it with magic. We have had no pianist, to our remembrance, since Thalberg's time who surpasses him in rapid and brilliant execution. The "Wedding March" and Herz's variations upon "The Last Rose of Summer" as played by him on Tuesday evening wer emaster pieces of executive skill.

EXAMINATION OF CONFIDENCE OPERATORS.—The examination of James Quales and S. A. Hendricks, the alleged confidence operators, who last Thursday succeeded in swindling an old man by the name of Jacob Moyer out of $38, was held yesterday morning at the Police Court. Although the money had been returned to their victim, and efforts had been made to cover up the affair and frustrate the ends of justice, Quales was held in $300 to appear for trial at the next session of the Recorder's Court. Hendricks was discharged from custody.

THE THIRD PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.—The third Philharmonic Concert takes place at Bryan Hall next Monday evening, upon which occasion will be presented a programme of surpassing merit. The orchestra have now in rehearsal Beethoven's Grand Seventh Symphony, Von Weber's "Invitation to the Waltz," originally written for the piano and adapted for orchestra by Berlioz, a potpourri on themes from "Martha," and the overture *la Sirene*. J. G. Lumbard will sing an *aria* from "The Creation." A new vocalist, a mezzo-soprano of much merit, whose name we are not permitted to give, will also appear in an *aria* from "Linda" and a *romanza* from one of Halevy's works.

TURKEY VS. CHICKEN.—A respectable appearing man, giving the name of Wm. Carr, was examined at the Police Court yesterday upon a charge of turkey larceny. The defendant acknowledged the corn as to having been very drunk, but disclaimed as to taking the turkey. He was positive that, sober or in his cups, he was fully competent to distinguish between a turkey and a chicken, and was equally well convinced that the particular fowl alluded to was a chicken, and consequently not a turkey. For taking a larger load of liquor than his capacity would warrant, the prisoner was fined three dollars. For the larceny of a turkey, he was sent five days to the Bridewell—but he left the presence of the Court reiterating the assertion that it was "only a chicken."

A RESOLUTE BAR-MAID.—A tall, stalwart private of the Lead Mine Regiment, named John Clowthers, yesterday morning at an unreasonable hour, entered the saloon kept at No. 219, Randolph street, called for liquor, drank it and then refused to liquidate for the same. The man of the house was absent. The bar-maid was at home and put the Lead Miner out of doors. The soldier drew his sabre-bayonet—a dangerous weapon to handle carelessly—ran at her, and threatened her instant demolition. But he met his match. She fairly whipped her assailant, and boldly grasping the weapon wrenched it from him. A policeman ended the scene. That woman deserves a pension for her valor. The Lead Mine Regiment was delayed an hour in its departure from the city, later in the day, during the absence of an officer, who was hunting up *that sabre*.

THE BOOT ON THE WRONG FOOT.—One Thomas Aaron went into the saloon of Mr. Dupont, corner of Monroe and Wells street, Tuesday evening, at a very late hour, and while there, or previously, became so deeply intoxicated that he fell asleep and fell upon the floor. It would also appear that he "fell among thieves," as, when he awoke to consciousness, a pair of boots he had bought but three days previously, and which he thought himself very fortunate in purchasing at five dollars, had actually been stolen from his feet. Of course he raised an outcry. It was snowing and he could not go home barefooted. Officer Phillips was called in, and after some search found the missing articles stowed away beneath an outer staircase leading to apartments above a building on Wells street. After an examination into the circumstances, the quick officer arrested George Ayres, a keeper of a board—a House on Market street, and Robert Blackwell, a tenant of the same place. Ayres was shown to have been in the saloon, and was in fact seen in the act of pulling off the besotted Aaron's boots. The case was brought before Justice Akin, at the Police Court yesterday, and Blackwell was discharged from custody, while Ayres was held in $100 to appear for trial at the next term of the Recorder's Court.

FLAG PRESENTATION AT CAMP DOUGLAS.—Camp Douglas was again the scene yesterday of one of those pleasant occasions which have so often of late relieved the monotony of camp life and evidenced the kindly relations existing between the soldiers and their friends at home. The particular instance to which we refer, as having occurred yesterday, was the presentation of an elegant silk flag of the regulation size, the handiwork of Charles De Bois, to the Shabbona Rifles, Capt. Geo. Kittell, Company C, Col. Lynch's regiment. A very tasteful and appropriate presentation speech was made by Henry S. Monroe, Esq., to which Lieut. Joseph G. Burt responded handsomely. The flag was the gift of the citizens of Shabbona, De Kalb county, in this State, and was a splendid token of remembrance and patriotic wishes. The little town of Shabbona, out of two hundred and four voters, lots sent eighty-six of her most stalwart and loyal sons to the wars, and has not been backward in remembering them in their absence and caring for them in the matter of extra blankets and clothing. We have yet to hear of a more loyal little town than Shabbona or one which has more nobly and unanimously sent forth her sons to the field in defence of the dear old Flag.

THE LEAD MINE REGIMENT.

ITS DEPARTURE FOR THE WARS.

On the 25th of November last, we announced the arrival of the Washington Lead Mine Regiment from Galena, and their consolidation, after a temporary sojourn at the Wigwam, at Camp Douglas. To-day we announce their departure for Cairo, under orders from the War Department. Marching orders were received by Col. Smith, a little more than a week ago, and officers and men obeyed it with alacrity. Precisely at 12 o'clock yesterday the line was formed, and escorted by Col. Brackett's Cavalry, numbering full 1,150 men; the 51st Regiment, Col. Cumming in command, numbering 800 men; the Faulkner Regiment, led by Major Wood, numbering 1,200 men; the 57th Col. Baldwin commanding, numbering 1,000 men; the Irish Brigade, numbering 400 men, and Bell's Cavalry Regiment, on foot, numbering 600 men; the Lead Mine Regiment, numbering full 1,000 men, rank and file, preceded by the regimental band, filed through the gateway of the camp in column and took up their line of march for the city.

Headed by their escort, numbering nearly 5,000 men, they marched through the principal streets of the city, and everywhere received the enthusiastic congratulations of a multitude of spectators, who thronged the sidewalks and bade the men God speed upon their patriotic errand. They arrived at the depot of the Illinois Central Railroad about four o'clock, and as soon thereafter as the command could be embarked, they were speeding swiftly to their destination, attended by the good wishes of the spectators who thronged the Great Union Depot to witness their departure.

This regiment is completely armed and equipped in a manner equal, if not superior, to any regiment in the field from this State, and as far as experience and discipline are concerned, as well as in the matter of equipments, fully prepared to take the field. They are well drilled and fully posted in the manual of arms. They are armed with the Enfield rifle, with sabre bayonets, the best arm in the service.

Col. Smith is a man of thorough business habits, popular with his command, and will make an excellent commanding officer. Lieutenant Colonel Maltby is an officer of experience, having served under Lieutenant General Scott, throughout the entire Mexican campaign with distinction, and one in whom the entire regiment have unbounded confidence. Major Smith was an officer in command of a company at Rockford, drilled by the late Col. Ellsworth. Adjutant Frohock is the 1st Lieutenant of Company A, detached as regimental adjutant. He served with distinction as orderly sergeant at Washington during the three months' campaign, under Gen. McClellan. Commissary Sergeant Hamilton, sarnisher of A. Grant; appeal dismissed. No. 338—Same vs. same; same order. No. 339—S. N. Wheaton et vs. Isaac Underwood, heirs of John R Palmer, deceased *et al*; verdict for defendants. Motion for a new trial by plaintiff.

HOARSENESS.—Persons subject to relaxation of the Throat, or Hoarseness, should never leave a warm room in winter, nor expose themselves to cold winds without having a "Troch" in the mouth. "*Brown's Bronchial Troches*," or Cough Lozenges, are sold by all Druggists. dlm18

HUMBUGS.—If you want to get a Salaratus about which there is no humbuggery, get D. B. De Land & Co.'s Chemical Saleratus. Read the label around it, every word of which you will find to be true. It will cost you no more than one of inferior article and is much cheaper in the end, as it spoils no bread or biscuit. You will find it for sale by all responsible dealers. dw

☞ Go to John Jones, 119 Dearborn-st., and get your clothes cleaned and repaired. nov13

☞ Go to Dunlop, Sewell & Spalding for Printing. novll-lt3t-ly

☞ Apply at the TRIBUNE Job Room, if you want job-printing done quickly, well and cheaply. dec18 tf

☞ Cook & McLean, 98 Dearborn street, have made their price for cleaning and dying Gents' garments less than any other house in the city. se26 ly

☞ The Yankee Card Writer hereafter receives orders for his wedding and visiting cards at both hotels, the Sherman and Tremont. Ladies call in parlors. Send 4 stamps for samples to the Sherman House. 3t.

☞ Go to Boyd's Exchange Office when you have business with a Broker. He pays the best rate for all warrants money. Sells Specie and Exchange as low as any house, and gives entire satisfaction to all who patronizes him. Office, No. 98 South Clark street, (adjoining the bank of C. B. Blair.) Entrance at the iron steps south end of theb uilding. jan7-dlm

MARRIED.

In this city, on Tuesday, 14th inst., at St. James' Church, by Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D. D., JOHN M. BOUNTREE and Miss MARY H. BANCROFT, all of this city.

In this city, by Rev. W. H. Ryder, Mr. NATHAN FLAKE and Miss SARAH BOVINGTON, both of Chicago.

In this city, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14th, at St. Ann's Parsonage, by Rev. J. Bailey, Mr. TALLMAN DAVIS and Miss MARY THOMPSON.

Mill Furnishing.

CHICAGO MILL-FURNISHING DEPOT.

T. W. BAXTER & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

FRENCH BURR MILLSTONES,

OF ALL QUARRIES.

C. W. BROWN'S PATENT PORTABLE

Flouring and Grist Mills,

AND DEALERS IN

DUTCH "ANKER BOLTING CLOTHS,"

Smut Mills and Separators, Separators for Warehouses,

Belting of all Kinds, Hoisting Screws and Bail, Iron Dusters, Picks, Proof Rules, Stock, &c.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES,

AND MILL FURNISHING GENERALLY.

Plans, Specifications and Estimates furnished when desired, and the construction of Steam and Water Mills contracted for and executed.

Steam Engines, Boilers, &c., &c.

The subscribers having obtained the Agency for the sale of STILLMAN'S IMPROVED ENGINES, from the manufactory of STILLMAN, BARRY & SEWELL, Rochester, N. Y., would call the attention of purchasers to their superior merits of size, workmanship and power; also, their low prices. The following list is a list of prices of Engine and Boiler, together with Governor, Steam Pipes, Cocks, Valves, Arch Castings and Grates, complete and ready for use, delivered in Chicago.

6 horse power	$ 300	20 horse power	$1,200
8 "	400	25 "	1,400
10 "	500	30 "	1,675
12 "	600	35 "	1,875
15 "	1,100	40 "	2,400

And in like proportion for larger sizes as required.

Every Engine is furnished with

JUDSON'S PATENT GOVERNOR VALVE.

For Flour Mills we confidently recommend them a superior to any that we have ever seen in this country.

Save from 25 to 50 per cent. in Fuel

over the usual class of boilers in use in the West. We shall be pleased to show them in operation at our establishment, where they may be examined and the necessary information had. Correspondence promptly attended to. Communications must be post paid if desired, be furnished to set up and start engines in any part of the country. We also supply

WATER WHEELS, SHAFTING, GEARING, &c.

At very low prices.

T. W. BAXTER & CO'S

Mill Furnishing Warehouse, 98 Water street, between Randolph and Madison sts., Chicago, Ill.

Post Office address Box 974. oct7-ly

MILWAUKEE

MILL FURNISHING

ESTABLISHMENT.

RELIANCE WORKS

OF

EDWARD P. ALLIS & CO.,

(Formerly Draper & Seville)

Nos. 390, 392 & 394 WEST WATER STREET,

MILWAUKEE, WIS.,

FRENCH BURR MILL STONES,

Dutch Anker Bolting Cloths, and

MILL FURNISHINGS GENERALLY.

ALSO,

Gearing, Shafting and Foundry Work

Of every description.

Orders promptly attended to. EDWARD P. ALLIS & CO.

Sales.

THE RECENT FIRE IN BROADWAY. BURNING OF HEGEMAN'S DRUG STORE.

Messrs. Herring & Co., No. 76, Broadway, N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—The fire which occurred in Hegeman's Sale which we bought of you some two years ago, has been the occasion of the ruins of Hegeman & Co's Drug Store, No. 81 Broadway, which was entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last, the 5th inst.

We occupied the entire upper part of the building as a manufactory of paper boxes and saleroom for paper, and, sadly, to say, the most of our stock in trade on hand, and the inflammable nature of the drugs stored on the three floors below made a very hot fire. All our books, insurance policies and other valuable papers, inside a small amount of money, were locked in your Patent Safe. The safe stood on the second floor near the centre of the building, and fell with the ruins of the building into the cellar below, where it lay imbedded until 9 o'clock last evening, a period of over seventy-two HOURS, or nearly FIVE DAYS. We are happy to add that our books, papers and money were found all perfectly preserved, and the entire contents of your safe when taken out this morning are almost as bright as when we put them in.

We have selected another Herring's Champion Safe to take down up to, and shall keep it on hand for the present, ready for you or your friends.

Yours truly, ERRINGTON & SOLLINGER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27, 1861.

HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

THE most reliable security from fire now known. HERRING'S CHAMPION BURGLAR-PROOF SAFES, Lined with Herring & Fisher's NEW PATENT "SALAMANDER" MATERIAL, which defies the most powerful heat, and the public are invited to attend.

A Rare Chance for Speculators.

Ye gods! the following dispatch was received on Change in the city:

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15, 1862.

To Chicago Board of Trade:

Maryland Corn and Flour Exchange, headed by the loyal merchants of Baltimore, are this day gone into sour-krout manufactory.

By order of the Association.

L. J. GOE, Jr.

Immediately after the above was read, the warmest enthusiasm was manifested by the members of the Board of Trade of this city, and on motion of J. C. Wright, Esq., it was unanimously

Resolved, That the President be instructed to return the sincere thanks and congratulations of this Board to the loyal merchants of Baltimore, and assure them of our most cordial sympathy and heartfelt wishes for the success and prosperity of Baltimore.

Pursuant to the above resolution, the following dispatch was immediately transmitted by telegraph to Baltimore:

CHICAGO, January 15, 1862.

To the Maryland Corn and Flour Exchange, Balt.:

The Chicago Board of Trade congratulates the loyal merchants of Baltimore on their new organization. They shall always have the sympathy and co-operation of this Board.

STEPHEN CLARK, President.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, *before Judge Drummond.*—Warren Palmer vs. Victor Nation. *Judgment of Dism.* 26th ult. Now trial awarded. Wm. Gurnee, Esq., Philip Wilhite, Esq., Default. Same as above. Warren Palmer *vs.* W. Ingraham. Same. No. 455, B. Limbard *vs.* S. Lines. Continued on motion of plaintiff. No. 516, Lemon *vs.* S. Williams. Same order. Nos. 404, 407 and 416, Parsin *vs.* Leonard, Way & Simpson. Continued on plaintiff's motion. No. 502, Hall *vs.* Chancery. F. B. Cady *vs.* James S. Thompson. Exceptions of complainants referred to Master. No. 486, Robertson *vs.* Hall. Rule to show why dismissed at plaintiff's costs for want of prosecution. No.—Marshall *vs.* Ogden. Cause reinstated without prejudice to former proceedings. Referred to Master. No. 278, W. Illsley *vs.* R. N. Hayden, defendant moved to vacate judgment entered lately. No. 118, *J. B. Thomas et al. vs.* Same. *Judgment of Dismissal.* No. 535, J. O. Wheeler *vs.* J. Lacey, continued by consent. No. 540, Same *vs.* D. Lambard *et.* T. Godfrey, *Jury sworn*, case tried and jury retired, instructed to bring a sealed verdict. No. 423, Chancery, C. Hoyne *vs.* J. H. Bryant *et al.* Default. Referred to master to take proofs. No. 382, Chancery, Jonathan Webber *vs.* Daniel Richards *et al.* Decree entered.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Before Judge Manierre.*—No. 262, Truman C. Brown *vs.* David N. Fish; order dismissing appeal set aside, and suit dismissed by agreement of parties. No. 1033, M. L. Newberry *vs.* Jno. Clark and Wm. Smith. Default. Clerk assesses damages at $180, with costs. No. 255, W. Temple *vs.* Josias Johnson. By agreement of parties plaintiff allowed to amend declaration, and afterwards judgment for $389.61. Defendant moved for a new trial. No. 260, Herman Badorff *vs.* Henry Ryan. Motion to set aside order of dismission on affidavit filed.

SUPERIOR COURT—*Before Judge Hoyne.*—No. 818—T. T. Bascom and John Martin *vs.* Daniel H. Hyde and Geo. H. Hyde. Verdict for plaintiff, $140. No. 581—S. E. Underhill *vs.* P. B. Roberts; dismissed at plaintiff's costs. No. 1,044, Hart *vs.* J. H. Johnson; judgment for plaintiff for $205. No. 722—Chas. Kobbe *vs.* O. A. Hickman; judgment for plaintiff for $1,000. No. 751—Hart *vs.* F. Walsh; jury trial. Sealed verdict to be delivered in Chicago. No. 787—S. W. Phillips *vs.* W. Drummond; dismissed at plaintiff's costs. No. 807—J. C. Daughty *vs.* E. J. Chapin—jury trial; judgment for plaintiff for $1,000. No. 1,000—B. B. Wells *vs.* W. J. Hart and C. T. Hunt; sealed verdict to be delivered in Chicago. No. 778—H. Whitaker *vs.* John Abel; verdict for plaintiff for $93 50. No. 1,000—Peter Dumont *vs.* Hamilton, garnishee of A. Grant; appeal dismissed. No. 808—Same *vs.* same; same order. No. 820—S. N. Wheaton *et vs.* the Administrators of John R Palmer, deceased *et al*; verdict for defendants. Motion for a new trial by plaintiff.

Sales.

THE RECENT FIRE IN BROADWAY. BURNING OF HEGEMAN'S DRUG STORE.

Messrs. Herring & Co., No. 76, Broadway, N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—The fire which occurred in Hegeman's Sale which we bought of you some two years ago, has been the occasion of the ruins of Hegeman & Co's Drug Store, No. 81 Broadway, which was entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last, the 5th inst.

We occupied the entire upper part of the building as a manufactory of paper boxes and saleroom for paper, and, sadly, to say, the most of our stock in trade on hand, and the inflammable nature of the drugs stored on the three floors below made a very hot fire. All our books, insurance policies and other valuable papers, inside a small amount of money, were locked in your Patent Safe. The safe stood on the second floor near the centre of the building, and fell with the ruins of the building into the cellar below, where it lay imbedded until 9 o'clock last evening, a period of over seventy-two HOURS, or nearly FIVE DAYS. We are happy to add that our books, papers and money were found all perfectly preserved, and the entire contents of your safe when taken out this morning are almost as bright as when we put them in.

We have selected another Herring's Champion Safe to take down up to, and shall keep it on hand for the present, ready for you or your friends.

Yours truly, ERRINGTON & SOLLINGER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27, 1861.

HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

THE most reliable security from fire now known. HERRING'S CHAMPION BURGLAR-PROOF SAFES, Lined with Herring & Fisher's NEW PATENT "SALAMANDER" MATERIAL, which defies the most powerful heat, and the public are invited to attend.

Jan 16 2t

MORTON.—The Mendelville Club will give their third Orchestral and Musical entertainment at Bryant & Stratton's lecture room, this (Thursday) evening. Exercises commence at 7½ o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 15, 1862.

The money market for the day has been unusually quiet. No exciting topic of any kind was discussed; our customers and bankers seemed altogether disposed to wait for further developments. Currency is working easier, though perhaps the demand for it to-day was not so pressing. The European steamer's news produced rather a more hopeful feeling, but so far as we could observe, it had not of itself any transactions to any considerable extent. The suspension of the State Bank of Ohio produced no effect whatever, as it did not disturb public confidence in the soundness of the bank in the least. The measure was in fact approved, as being a necessity, forced upon the Ohio banks by the *non-suspension* of the banks upon the seaboard.

New York exchange continues very abundant. Bankers take it from customers at par, and sell to each other at ¼, though par on round lots was sometimes accepted. The selling price is ¼ of 1 per cent. prem. Demand much below the wishes and orders of bankers.

Gold is dull. From the small amounts changing hands it would appear that the wants of buyers are for the present very nearly supplied. Buying price 99¾@¾, with a tendency to the lower figure; selling, 1 per cent. prem.

Messrs. William B. Ogden & Kean, Bankers, No. 8 Clark street, receive miscellaneous Canada money on deposit at par; Pittsburgh, 1 per cent. discount; Wisconsin, 2 per cent. discount. Nearly if not all the bankers are now taking Canada on deposit; but there is very little in circulation.

Corydon Beach of Canada.—We call the special attention of our readers to the following communication, as it is from a well informed source:

Editors of the Daily Tribune:

As a matter concerning you and all your readers, allow me to call your attention to the dangerous fact that attempts are being made to issue and circulate at the West, the bills of an exploded business—the Bank of Clifton, Canada West.

Now, Messrs. Editors, the West has for years been the chosen field for circulating all issues of a fraudulent character. This is a fact which is attested by the refusal of the banks of the East to take our possession. It behooves us, therefore, to keep a sharp lookout, that attempts of this kind may not be successful; and you, as the guide of all or ever so many thousands of people, should first of all be apprised whenever anything dangerous appears in the horizon.

Now let me acquaint you with the modus operandi of the reputed agents of the Bank of Clifton.

It may now be somewhat over a year ago when the first issue of this bank made its appearance. Simultaneously with the issue, quotations appeared in two detectives, quoting this stuff at par. One of these detectives was published in the East, and the other was published in the West. Under the protection of these "life guides," a large amount was sold and circulated in the West. The people of Illinois, especially, were the sufferers. Chicago alone has now several thousand dollars, and what the remainder of the State has, it is of course impossible to say. But one fact I may state to secure a thousandfold confidence in it, and that is, that not a single member of the establishment, be although the fact that the Bank had no office at Clifton, and didn't do any business in Canada whatsoever.

I assert positively that the redemption (!!) office of Chadwick & Co., will be discontinued as soon as enough Clifton money is afloat. Furthermore, I assert with a degree of confidence, that even in six months be over, if the game is allowed to be continued. Chadwick & Co. will be decidedly *non est*.

Now, Mr. Editor, take this matter in hand; show up the monstrous swindle, exercise the prerogatives of your calling, trespass the dangers resulting from tolerating unsecured and irresponsible money in your midst, and by so doing confer a lasting favor upon thousands of your readers, and especially upon Yours truly, M.

We have taken pains to inquire to-day of our best informed bankers, and they coincide most decidedly in the opinion of our correspondent that the Clifton Bank is a swindle. We are assured that it is so regarded in Canada. The attempt to palm off its issues upon the people of the West is infamous. If our readers, by accident, have any of the stuff, let them send it at once to Chadwick & Co., No. 64 Clark street, for redemption, and then touch it *never again*. Our people have been swindled once by it, and that ought to be enough in all conscience.

ST. LOUIS, ALTON & CHICAGO RAILROAD.—The following is a weekly statement of the earnings of the above road, from Jan. 1st to the 7th:

	1862	1861
Passengers	$6,373.09	6,344.85
Freight	9,063.28	11,903.14
Sundries	515.35	653.93
Total	$15,952.56	$19,189.92
Decrease in 1862	3,637.36	
Total this month to date	15,952.56	19,189.92
Total since 1st Jan.	$15,952.56	$19,189.92

CANADA GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—The earnings of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the week ending the 10th inst., were $62,121.99; corresponding week of 1861, $49,080.07; increase, $13,041.92.

BANK FAILURE AT MCGREGOR, IOWA.—The McGregor (Iowa) *News* of Monday, the 13th, announces the failure of the well-known banking house of Lee & Kinsard, and says:

This firm having weathered the financial storm of 1857-8, and survived the stump-tail disasters of last winter, had established such a reputation for soundness and reliability, that no one was expecting such a result at this time, and therefore the announcement fell everywhere by surprise. Their liabilities amount to about $57,000, and their assets foot up about the same amount; but as they consist mostly of real estate, they cannot be converted in these times except at a heavy loss to creditors. We are sorry to learn that they were not able to pay their depositors in full, and make an assignment for the benefit of their creditors generally, and consequently, many persons ily able to bear the loss, will be sufferers. We are pleased to be able to state that the McGregor Branch of the State Bank of Iowa has not suffered by their failure, and that notwithstanding the "stump-tail" panic through which it has passed in the last year, it is now in a really sound condition.

NEW YORK BANKS.—The following are from the footings of the New York Banks for the past week:

Loans	$152,088,619	Decrease	$2,827,514
Specie	25,733,070	Increase	1,236,194
Circulation	4,191,713	Increase	464,674
Net Deposits	113,849,762	Increase	2,100,529

NEW YORK CLEARING-HOUSE TRANSACTIONS.

Clearings for week ending Jan. 4	$103,642,429.03
Clearings for week ending Jan. 11	86,191,456.68
Balance for week ending Jan. 4	6,687,761.49
Balances for week ending Jan. 11	6,166,973.95

New York Stock Market.—The following are the quotations of the Stock Market to-day:

	1st board.	2d board.
New York Central R. R. stock	83½	83¾
Hudson	69	69
Rock Island	54¾	55¼
Burlington and Quincy	61¼	
Michigan Central (preferred)	92	92
Michigan Central	51¾	53
Michigan Southern (common)	39½	41
Cleveland and Toledo	37½	38
Tennessee 6 per cent. bonds	42¾	43
Missouri 6's	53¾	54½
Virginia 6's	50	
Market—1st Board, buoyant; 2d Board, buoyant.		

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 15, 1862.

The following are the receipts of leading articles for the last twenty-four hours:

RECEIPTS FOR THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

	Flour bbls.	Wheat bush.	Corn bush.	Oats bush.	Rye bush.	Bar. bush.
G & C U R R.	612	1650	643	1600	643	488
R I R R.	893	4900	9450		700	800
M S R R.	2000	6000	3000	3000		
C & N W R R.	304	2905	3115			
A & S L R R.			700			
Total	3809	15455	16908	4600	1343	1288

	LB'ge D'ry Cattle	Hides	La'd	G. S.
	No.	No.	lbs.	lbs.
G & C U R R.	1100	800	90	14070
R I R R.		320		
M S R R.	900	600	35	5473
C & N W R R.	2056	220	106	3815
A & S L R R.	320	5		
Total	3976	1345	109	23358

	Wool lbs.	Pork bbls.	Lard lbs.	Whisky bbls.
G & C U R R.	90	1971	24700	1
R I R R.		1		
M S R R.	1	1	1	
C & N W R R.	1	1	1	
A & S L R R.				
Total	92	1973	24702	1

The Arabia, with Liverpool advices to the 5th inst., was telegraphed to-day. Confidence in peace was daily gaining strength, and Breadstuffs had a declining tendency. Indeed there was a heavy feeling throughout the commercial circles.

The Provision market to-day was firm, but not very active. There is a good speculative and fair shipping demand for Mess Pork, but the extreme firmness of holders limits transactions—and at any rate the offerings are light, in consequence of the scarcity of cooperage. Holders of round lots of well established brands were very firm at $9 25, at which we report sales of 500 brls—part of it with 200 lbs packed in, and free of storage till the 1st of May next—and 100 brls at $9.12½. Country brands are offered more freely than city, and were purchased to-day to the extent of 300 brls at $9.75@10. There is some inquiry for Prime Mess Pork, but there is little or none offering. There was a good demand for Green Hams to-day, and a shade better prices were paid—sales being made at $2 95@3.00 per 100 lbs. English Meats are in fair request, and we note a sale of 100 boxes Long Rib Middles at 4½c. Lard was more freely sold and the market was firmer, 500 only about 300 pkgs being sold at 6¼c for prime city kettle-rendered, and 6¾c for city steam-rendered Leaf. A few lots of country kettle-rendered were sold at 6¼c, and 50 brls White Stearine at 8¾c.

The impression that there is to be a speedy forcing of corn to market, in California, and the increased confidence in the market for nearly all kinds of product, and to this may be attributed the more active speculative inquiry.

The receipts of Hogs, live and dressed, to-day amounted to 5,000. The market for Live Hogs was not so active, and it was somewhat more difficult to sell, but there is no quotable change in prices. About 3,000 head changed hands, at $2.94 @3.45—the bulk of the sales being at $3.25@3.30. The supply of Dressed Hogs was light and the market ruled a shade higher for light and extra—the former being taken by packers and the latter by shippers—the sales ranging from $3.50@3.90—closing firm.

The demand for Beef Cattle is confined to the packers, and the market is quiet and unchanged, with sales at $1.80@2.55 for inferior to fair.

The market for Flour and grain was heavy and depressed, in consequence of the dull news by the steamer. Flour was dull and easier at the close with sales of choice white winter at $4.95@4.60; and spring extras at $3.10@3 80. Wheat declined ¾@1c per bushel, with sales of No 2 Red Winter in store at 78@78½; No 1 Spring at 74½@75, and No 2 Spring at 69@69½—the great bulk of the transactions being at 69c. Corn was dull, with trifling sales of Mixed in store at 28½c. Oats were sold at 16c. Rye and Barley were quiet and unchanged. Highwines are still unsettled and entirely nominal. Buyers to-day offered 16c, but sellers did not place their stocks on the market. Hides are steady.

[From the Galena Advertiser, 13th.]

THE HOG MARKET.—The receipts of dressed hogs are very light—probably owing to the low prices, for there is a large stock in the country rest. The prices paid on Saturday were $2 per 10 0 lbs., and on Monday $2 25 per do. Yesterday they rose to $2 50 and $2 75 for those weighing 200 and upwards.

[From the Detroit Tribune, 14th.]

DRESSED HOGS.—Received, 1,500. Market firmer, and a shade higher for light hogs, which are in active demand to make bacon. Extra shipping hogs are also in better request. Sales were:

10 Hogs averaging 231 lbs at			$3.20
54	"	260	"	3.40
149	"	240	"	3.45
60	"	240	"	3.50
94	"	220	"	3.55
100	"	220	"	3.60
100	"	220	"	3.70
100	"	220	"	3.77
200 Hogs at $4.00@4.20, dividing on 200 lbs.			
200	"	180@175	"	3.60
100	"	180@175	"	3.60
200	"	180@175	"	3.60
200	"	180@175	"	3.60
200	"	180@175	"	3.60
24	"	180@175	"	3.60

LIVE HOGS.—Received, 2,000 head. The market to-day was less active—holders being firm, and buyers keeping back for lower prices. The transactions, however, show no material change in prices, though the market was hardly so good as yesterday. The sales were:

25 Hogs, averaging 232 lbs., at			$2.85
20	"	260	"	2.40
91	"	312	"	3.35
100	"	300	"	3.40
300	"	300	"	3.50
200	"	300	"	3.60
270	"	270	"	3.75
1725	"	257	"	3.80
168	"	255	"	3.84

BEEF CATTLE.—Received, 100 head. There is a fair inquiry for good packing Cattle and the market is quiet and unchanged. There are but few shippers on the market this week yet. The sales were:

18 Beeves, averaging 1430 lbs, at			$3.25
25	"	980	"	2.00
20	"	1165	"	2.50
17	"	1000	"	2.00
17	"	1000	"	2.55

SHEEP.—66 Sheep, av. 117 lbs, at $2.20; 77, av. 110 lbs, at $3.30.

FLOUR.—Received, 2,000 brls. Market opened firm, but closed quiet and easier. The sales were —50 brls "Bell Street" choice white winter at $4.62½; 100 brls good white winter extra at $4.35; 100 brls "Dale's Premium" and 200 brls "Ionia" spring extras at $4.25; 200 brls "Oliver Twist" do at $3.65; 250 brls very good extras at $3.05; 300 brls "Buckeye" at $3.60; 100 brls fair extra at $3.55.

WHEAT—Received 94,073 bu. Market declined 2@3c per bu. Sales were: 400 bu No 2 Red Winter in store at 76c; 400 bu do at 77c; 2000 bu No 1 Spring in store at 71¾c; 3000 bu No 2 Spring (early) at 66½; 5000 bu do at 65¼c; 35,000 bu do at 66c; 1000 bu Rejected Spring in store at 63; 500 bu condemned wheat on track at 47.

CORN—Received 12,908 bu. Market dull. Sales 5000 bu Mixed in store at 32½c; 2000 bu Rejected in store at 30c; 500 bu do at 31c; 1000 bu do at 32c.

OATS—Received 1200 bu. Market quiet. Sales 600 bu No 1 in store at 16.

RYE—Received 1,343 bu. Market quiet. Sales, 800 bu. No. 1 in bulk at 33½c on track.

BARLEY—Received, 1,288 bu. Market quiet. Sales, 400 bu No. 2 in store at 51c; 400 bu do at 50c; 488 bu do at 49c.

HIGHWINES—Unsettled. Buyers and sellers apart, with no demand at over 16c.

TIMOTHY SEED—54 bags choice at $1.60.

CLOVER SEED—10 bags good at $3.40. Market very dull.

BUTTER—Quiet; We quote: Dry Flint, 11@11½c; Dry Salted, 8@8½c; Green Country, 8c.

TALLOW—100 brls prime packers at 7½c.

DRIED APPLES—3000 lbs choice Southern at 6c.

BEANS—40 bushels prime at $1.25; 120 bushels medium at $1.00; 40 bushels do at $1.05

Chicago Weekly Tribune.

VOLUME XV. CHICAGO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862. NUMBER 41.

WHO KILLS OUR SOLDIERS!

A learned man has defined the soldier to be, "A man who gets his living by being killed." This seems to be a very true and good definition. It was not an imperfect definition of the soldier in the times when the tools and means for taking life in war were simple, rude and inefficient, and when we see all the new weapons, implements and machines with which our modern armies are supplied, we feel still more deeply the truth that the soldier is to be killed, and that killing, and being killed are his main business and occupation.

Now cruel and savage as all this appears to us, yet our soldiers go forth to meet those dangers with willing and brave hearts, and in fact pass through the clashing of steel and fire of batteries, escape the edge of the sword, the aim of the bullet, and all the assaults and hazards of battle in comparative safety. The enemy who kills the soldier oftenest, whose attack is most fatal, whose treachery is most deadly, is not he who marches against him with all the improved implements of modern war, but the foe who is on his own side and in his own camp. The foe, whose mortal shot our soldier must fear the most, is not the one who is armed with minie rifle, sword, bayonet, rifled cannon, and the best improved drill; but the man to whom he looks for his food, for his clothing, for shelter, for wholesome regulations to secure health in camp and field. There are many more who fall ingloriously in camp, beneath the treacherous and fatal arts and practices of knavish contractors, cheating officials, ignorant and vicious surgeons and commanders, men who rather wear the colors of patriotism and loyalty than meet a soldier's death on the battle field.

And although so much is said everywhere of the frauds and crimes which defile and blacken the whole business of army contracts and supplies, yet we are too prone to look upon these rascalities and robberies solely as bringing loss of money, and unnecessary expense upon those who bear the burden of payment, and forget the far more important and heinous fact, that this cheating and fraud are more fatal to our soldiers, do more to weaken and destroy our force, and more to give us defeat and the enemy victory, than all the furious assaults, fierce storming, fatal charges, and bloody struggles of actual fighting.

The soldier, when he offers his life for the defense of his country, offers it to the hazards of the battle-field, and not to the assassin stroke of his own side. The country has a right to place him where there can be no escape from steel and ball; but there is no right to give the furnishing of the supplies for his daily wants and supports into inefficient and dangerous hands; and the Government is bound by every obligation to provide that he shall be well fed, well clothed, and well cared for, in every respect. What more gross outrage, what greater crime can be imagined, than that the citizen who freely offers his life for the defense of his country, should have that life stricken down by stealthy disease, and lurking pestilence, led into his tent and ambushed around him, by the fraud and treachery of contractors and officials? To employ savages in civilized war is an outrage, though let loose against your enemies; but that is a humane and honorable practice by the side of the enormous guilt of those who by neglect or fraud expose the soldier to the inroads of disease and weakness, rob him of his defence against the keen edge of frost and cold, and bring in and arm against with poisoned arrows the whole savage band of camp fevers and diseases.

We are losing more men by sickness than by battle. An unskilful or heedless surgeon; a commander too stupid or inefficient to enforce proper sanitary regulations on the march and in the camp; the rascally contractor who gives bad bread, poor meat, clothes of shoddy and shoes of felt, ill made tents of worthless material, and other rotten, or tainted, or spoiled clothes, provisions and supplies, are each and all more terrible and fatal to our soldiers than any armed foe. These are the plague that walks in darkness and the pestilence that strikes at noon-day. For such traitors and such crimes there is no fate too terrible. No horrible doom which the traitor, the assassin, the poisoner merits, is too dreadful for them.

We trust that the Government will make signal examples of some of these prowling thieves and assassins, that the brave men who are fighting this great battle for the country may know that they shall not be struck by foul blows in the back, nor sent to their graves by the deadly thrusts of treacherous scoundrels, who are filling their coffers with money, every dollar of which is tainted with the blood of the best and bravest of the land.

ORDER NO. 3 AT CAIRO.

The most enthusiastic admirers of Order No. 3 are to be found at Cairo. A telegram to the St. Louis *Democrat* reads as follows:

[Special Dispatch to the Democrat.]

"CAIRO, Jan. 6.—Seven contrabands from Columbus arrived at Fort Holt this morning. They were at work on fortifications this side of Columbus. They entticed seven cavalry soldiers to enter town, then seized their horses and made good their escape. *The horses were received, but the negroes were denied admittance within the lines.*"

A dispatch to the Associated Press of the same date reads as follows:

"CAIRO, Jan. 6.—A deserter from Columbus, who arrived this morning, reports that Gen. Pillow resigned on Friday. Fifteen thousand troops," &c.

In the dispatch to this paper, the fact mentioned in the italicised sentence was struck out by Gen. Grant's censor or omitted by the negligence of our reporter.

We agree with the St. Louis *Democrat* that it is not easy to perceive the reason for receiving a deserter with the information he brings from the enemy's camp, and taking the escaping contrabands' horses, but shutting them out with whatever information they might be able to give. These "contrabands" are entitled to their freedom, by the act of Congress passed last July which provides that slaves employed to rebel fortifications or in other military operations are confiscated and emancipated. These seven blacks are therefore free men. They had done the Union cause substantial service. They had unhorsed seven rebel troopers and brought the animals to our lines. They had also deprived the rebels of the assistance of seven useful laborers. They came to tender their services to the Union soldiers. The horses they brought were received, and those Union-loving blacks were denied admittance within the lines. What became of them? Were they remanded into bondage?

We call the attention of Gen. Halleck to this case, and ask him whether the Commandant at Cairo acted in accordance with order No. 3, as explained and qualified in his letter to Frank P. Blair, which was read in Congress? If the modified order has been violated in the above case, it becomes the duty of Gen. Halleck to reprove the violators and give them such plain and definite instructions as will leave them without an excuse in the future to repeat this heartless and unjust act. On the other hand, if order No. 3 operates as shown in this instance, Gen. Halleck should promptly rescind it, or refusing to do so, the President should "modify" him as he did Fremont's proclamation. We forbear commenting on the malignant pro-slavery spirit that is known to actuate many of the officers at Cairo—especially those whose blood was corrupted at West Point by the poison of the oligarchy.

AN IMPERATIVE DUTY.

We see in the talked of arrangements at Washington, for supplying the financial wants of the Government, no intimation that bank paper is to be subjected to a restrictive tax. We hear of preparations to issue, in addition to the Fifty Millions now afloat, One Hundred Millions of Demand Treasury Notes, and of other and of perhaps larger issues to follow this; but, coupled with the plan, we have no assurance of the legislation which must accompany these floods of paper, to save the business and industry of the country from overwhelming ruin. What are our Representatives thinking of, that they have not made this the leading idea in the discussions, references and motions that have already been had? Are they willing that five or six hundred millions of debt-currency shall be added to the debt-currency issued by the banks? Do they desire to see importations pouring in upon us at an unexampled rate? Will they stand by and see, without remonstrance, the preparation of the agencies that will stop exportations of our great staples, by so increasing the cost of production that they cannot be sold at a remunerative figure in any of the markets of the world? Shall the country lose all its gold, because Congress dare not do its duty? Shall the expected beneficence of the new tariff be neutralized, and all present manufacturers be compelled to submit to bankruptcy, because the country would destroy by its currency all the advantages of its promised protection? Shall we come out of the war the possessors of eight hundred or a thousand millions of irredeemable paper, our credit destroyed, our industry crippled, and our resources buried up under the wreck of a misbegotten financial system, because Congress was a coward? Let the Representatives, especially those from the North-West, answer these questions; and, if they have no care for private interests, let them remember that if this issue of paper from two sources is permitted, the Government will be utterly bankrupt before the conclusion of peace; and that nothing but their action NOW can prevent that lamentable result. Let them see, as they can at a glance, that every *increase of paper money is an increase in the cost of carrying on the Government. As debt currency is multiplied, prices will rise; and a campaign, which will now cost fifty millions, would, as soon as the amount of Bank and Government paper in circulation to-day is doubled, cost one hundred and fifty millions, at the very least;* that, if the public expenses are now five hundred millions per annum, they will, when the inflation comes, run rapidly up to fifteen hundred millions a year; and that *every dollar of debt contracted*, when prices are multiplied by three, *must, by and by, be paid in the solid gold when specie is the standard.* Let them think of the injustice they will do the soldiers, now in the field at fixed wages of thirteen dollars a month, when, by Congressional inaction, thirteen dollars in paper become no better than four and one-third dollars now. Let them consider what the taxation will be, for generations to come, to pay the interest on the Great National Debt which an inflated currency will leave us a legacy of evil. Let them see that though we may conquer a peace, the financial disturbances which, if the amount of paper money is not restricted, will beset us when hostilities are at an end, may be the cause and justification of revolutions more radical, comprehensive and dangerous than that against which we now contend! In a word, let the Representatives open their eyes and look about them. No act of theirs is of a temporary or evanescent character. Every law bears its impress, and every sin of omission has its effect, on the body politic for all time. If they are wise enough, now, to legislate, not for the moment, but for beneficent effect upon the coming future—for prospective peace and its wants, as well as for present war and its burdens—for the Republic, disenthralled and starting anew on its career of glory, its hands cleansed from the blood of four millions of bondmen, and its body purged of the elements of rebellion, as well as for to-day, when our country's power is challenged and the perpetuity of the Government endangered by four hundred thousand slave-owners and their wicked revolt—our people will escape the abyss that is opening before them. Will Congress act? We appeal to the Representatives from the West!

WAR ON PEACE PRINCIPLES.

In the debate in Congress on Wednesday Mr. KELLY, a Philadelphia member, made some sharp points on the imbecile management of this war. Said he:

We are carrying on the war on peace principles, and the main duty the army has performed during the last seven months has been *to prevent desertions from the enemy*. This is a melancholy truth. Let us show something of the vigor of war. England does not regard international law, but she does regard power.

So long as our armies are acting merely as policemen, to prevent the escape of those (the slaves) who would dig the trenches for us, so long will foreign nations depreciate our power, and to that extent elevate their pretentions and demands.

Nothing truer has been uttered since Congress assembled. Our 600,000 soldiers doing nothing is a shameful spectacle, and is degrading us in the eyes of Europe to *the level of the Chinese*. But then slavery must be saved, and vigorous warfare, though it would crush the rebellion, might damage the "peculiar institution;" and what would the border States say—especially Kentucky? The "conservatives" among us would also be offended, and their prejudices must be placated, though the Union tumbles into ruins.

GEN. SIGEL'S RESIGNATION.

Our St. Louis dispatches give us the reasons assigned by Gen. Sigel for his resignation. We can but hope they are such as may be obviated; and, that this gallant officer may again join the service. Is he not gallant? Everybody thought so when in July he executed his masterly retreat from an enemy outnumbering him ten to one, in a sharp artillery fight, one of the most brilliant records of the war. Everybody was delighted, and the satisfaction of Sigel's own countrymen passed into a proverb, "*You fights mit Sigel? den you drinks mit me.*" True there was a hoarse croak from Gen. Sturgiss, and we regret for the sake of both officers, that the charge was not investigated, for while the censure has always rested upon Sigel, a still worse imputation has never been removed from Gen. Sturgiss himself, for it is not complimentary to believe that Brigadier Generals have the petty jealousies and meannesses of other mortals.

☞ The Wheeling correspondent of the Columbus (Ohio) *Journal* writes that the affair at Sutton was disgraceful to the command left there to take care of our poor, suffering sick. The captain having command of Sutton was absent at the time of the attack; and like hundreds of other cases of a like nature, when soldiers are without a competent commander, the number of the enemy was about quadrupled, and our boys made an inglorious retreat. It has been ascertained that there were only 135 "bushwhackers," who had gathered together, their usual occupation being gone, to organize as banditti, and were prowling around the neighborhood; and perhaps having heard of the absence of the commander, took advantage of it and drove the boys away.

Cotton Seed for the Northwest.

The discussion of the question of the introduction of Cotton culture into the Southern part of this State, or rather the revival of its culture there, has awakened wide attention among all interested, and there is an eager inquiry for seed. One thing, however, seems well established by concurrent testimony of those who are excellent authority in the matter. The scheme of looking to the islands of Beaufort will fall and give no good result. What is wanted is the green seed known as the Tennessee Upland Cotton. The Sea Island Cotton has a black seed, and nothing can be expected from its introduction here but disappointment. As to the green seed, we learn that nearly half enough seed will be furnished in Southern Illinois from last season's crop, and the remainder can be procured from the Southwestern States. A word to Jim Lane, and he will give it in special charge to some of his contrabands to send back seed enough.

The Government has acted with promptness in the appointment, recently noted, of a special agent to visit Beaufort and secure cotton and seed, but we are assured that not a pound of the seed will be wanted in the West, and if used here, will give no satisfactory result. In this matter our farmers wish to start right and under the most favorable circumstances. It would not be strange if, under the interest incited by the subject, the way was opened for frauds upon the farmers. Much unginned cotton will be brought from Beaufort by the [illegible] North, and the seed may find its way into sale. Let the farmers understand that the seed wanted is a green seed, not a black one. The Agricultural Society of this State, now in session, will doubtless take some action on the matter.

The North Missouri Bridge Burners.

The prompt and decisive action of Gen. Halleck, and the stringent order issued by him for a terror to evil doers in the line of bridge burning, has had excellent results. It is likely that the salutary effect will be endangered by the sentence and execution of quite a number of rebel marauders arrested and convicted under this order.

The court martial for the examination of charges against various parties accused of participating in the recent criminal transactions on the North Missouri Railroad, convened at Palmyra on the 30th ult., Col. Groesbeck of the Ohio 39th, acting as President. The sessions of the court are not open to the public, nor are the witnesses allowed to listen to the testimony of each other. The number of persons now held at Palmyra, subject to the present investigation, is thirty. The majority of them are ordinary farmers, of ages ranging from sixteen to sixty. Among the lot are two captains and a lieutenant of Price's army. Divers pleas are entered by the prisoners in defense. Some deny having had any hand whatever in the ricotous and diabolical proceedings. Others say that being under the orders of Gen. Price, and having been commanded to destroy the bridges, they are not responsible agents, any further than being subject to the treatment of prisoners of war. The court, we are informed, have made considerable progress in the examination of cases, and expect to conclude the investigation in a few days, sending the finding to General Halleck for approval.

The Secession Plot Eleven Years Old.

Some startling documents have been found at Beaufort, S. C., proving the existence of an organized association to dissolve the Federal Union, formed in October, 1850. It was called the "South Carolina Rights Association of the Helena Parish," and included nearly all the planters, lawyers and influential men, among whom were the Rhetts, Barnwells, De Treviles, and other "F. F's." The records of this treasonable conclave were discovered in the office of the secretary, Charles E. Bell, a lawyer of Beaufort. The closing words of one of the resolutions adopted betrays the spirit of this whole association and the object for which they labored: "We will agitate, agitate, agitate this question, until we finally dissolve the political connection with the North, and establish a Government at the South with new guards for future security." The alleged cause of dissatisfaction was the compromise measures of 1850, which did not yield enough of Northern rights to satisfy the Southern oligarchy; but there is not a shadow of a doubt that the vipers of secession have been warmed and nursed into terrible life from eggs laid by the nullifiers of 1833, several years before the anti-slavery agitation roused the free States to the nature of their foe. The prediction of that clear-headed statesman, Andrew Jackson, that the "slavery or negro question" would be seized as the pretext for disunion, is verified by written proofs from a South Carolina law officer. It is a curious fact, indicating the treacherous hearts of these secession leaders and conclaves of Democratic Administrations in their plots, that several of them have held Federal offices since they enlisted in the disunion association.

The Michigan Legislature.

It has been decided that the Michigan Legislature, now in session, shall have no power to transact other business than such as is required for the public safety and embraced in the proclamation and message of the Governor. Therefore nothing will be done in the way of ordinary State legislation, and the taxes and appropriations already contemplated under the usual two years' bill, will be left untouched. The members are held at work upon the financial and military questions, and will probably do up the work expected of them inside of two weeks. Bills are already under consideration providing for the adjustment of the national tax, for the enrollment and arming of the State; and for lake defences. It is desired that Congress shall locate forts along the shore of lakes Erie and Huron, with a naval depot in Saginaw Bay on the east, and at Grand Haven or St. Joseph on the West. Senator Riley has introduced joint resolutions recommending the passage of a law by Congress to prevent frauds upon the Government. The resolutions were of the most stringent character, strong as the English language could make them, to use Mr. Riley's own admission. They inflict the punishment of death on the gallows, for stealing from the Government, and demand the severest penalties for all sorts of peculations. They will probably pass, though perhaps in a somewhat modified form.

Indiana Democratic Platform.

The resolutions adopted as the platform of the Indiana Democracy, at the Indianapolis Convention on the 8th, are as long as your arm but not quite as muscular. They extend to the "19th and lastly," and cover the following propositions; that the Republicans have shown themselves unfit to carry on the Government, and unable to settle our national difficulties; that the restoration to power of the Democracy can alone preserve the Union and Constitution; that the Republicans are half to blame for the existence of civil war; that a war of conquest or subjugation is not to be thought of; that the proposition to liberate and arm negro slaves is unconstitutional, insulting to loyal citizens, a disgrace to the age, and calculated to retard the suppression of the rebellion; that the frauds in the Government are unparalleled; and that "a war for the maintenance of the supremacy of the Constitution and integrity of the Union we will sustain with all our energies."

The Young Lady who Acted Spy.

The young lady who acted the rebel spy at Washington, was a daughter of Dr. King, of the Soldiers' Home. For some months past, grave suspicions have been entertained in regard to certain members of the family of Dr. King. It is stated that two of his own sons by his first wife, and two of the sons of his second wife, are now serving in the Confederate army, and also that some of the lady members of his family have been engaged in communicating information to the rebel army, through a Secession family still living in Maryland, within an hour's ride of Washington. The arrest of some of the family of Dr. King led to the belief in the rumor in regard to Adjutant-General Thomas, because he, like the doctor, resided at the Soldiers' Home.

☞ William E. Culver, formerly a banker at Louisville, Ky., but now of Washington, has sued the Cincinnati *Gazette* for a $100,000 libel, in having criticised his appointment to a paymastership in the army. He lost his place in consequence of the *Gazette's* exposure, and he therefore sues for damages.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

A new Sensation—The Story About Adjutant General Thomas—A Refreshing Season in the Houses—Mr. Lovejoy and Mr. Wickliffe of Kentucky—Charges against Gen. Ripley—Chicago in the year 1808.

[From our own correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 1861.

This is surely a city of sensations. Yesterday we were all convulsed by a story that Adjutant General Thomas was under arrest for treason—he having, as was alleged, communicated important information to the enemy. There was a marvelous inclination on all hands to believe the report, and when it had been authoritatively contradicted, rumor centered upon a daughter of the Adjutant General as the guilty party, and the one under arrest, and finally upon a son, who has recently been made an officer in the regular artillery. Plenty of persons can be found to affirm that the daughter were secession emblems in the street after the battle of Bull Run, and that the son was hardly more discreet in avowing his sympathies with the rebel cause—all of which is passing strange. The *Star* says that the story of the arrest was put afloat by Gen. Fremont, who has recently arrived here, which is just ridiculous and improbable enough to convince many persons that there is some fire under all the smoke. The moral to be drawn from this canard, or series of canards, is that the people of Washington, both resident and transient, are ready to believe almost anything implying disloyalty in high places. So many well laid schemes have been known at Manassas twenty-four hours after being matured, notwithstanding the precautions taken to confine the knowledge to the most select and impenetrable circles here, that the public lend a willing ear to any statement imputing treason to our own officers.

Congress re-commenced its session yesterday with an exciting debate (in the House) on the negro question. The immediate topic under consideration was Mr. Conkling's resolution concerning the battle of Ball's Bluff, but the drift towards the slavery issue was inevitable, and it would have been all the same if the matter before the House had been a new scheme of finance, the fishing bounties, Pacific railroad, or the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Lovejoy doubled up all his assaults handsomely, and drove old Mr. Wickliffe, of Kentucky, upon the ropes in a severe manner. The refusal of the latter to say whether he would rather see the Union or slavery destroyed, if one or the other must be sacrificed, leaves no doubt that his place is in the rebel conclave at Richmond. It is a matter for sincere regret that Gov. Wickliffe and his family of his cousins, Breckinridge, is one of the aged men of the nation, one of the compeers of Clay, Jackson, Benton and Webster. He comes into the House every day on crutches, and personally he merits, as he receives, the sympathy and good will of every member and spectator. Nevertheless, he is the author of the resolution declaring that no person who has been in Congress, after Vallandigham and Carlile, and hence, next to them, the nearest approach to a secessionist. According to the plain import of his language he is only loyal so far as it suits.

The pamphlet issued by Col. Craig's son, embodying charges against Gen. Ripley and Lieut-Col. Mayneder, and by implication against Secretary Cameron, is receiving a good deal of attention—not so much on account of its specific charges against Ripley, as that it awakens a suspicion concerning the motives which caused the removal of Craig and the promotion of Ripley to the head of the Ordnance Bureau. Both Ripley and Mayneder were great favorites of the robber and traitor Floyd. There is not much doubt that Floyd and Craig conspired to put the vast shipments of arms to the South during the Buchanan administration, and that he was especially privy to ordering or facilitating the transfer of guns from Pittsburgh to Ship Island and Galveston, long before the fortifications were ready to receive them, and even before the engines could fell the calibre of guns required. The only effect of such transfer would be the piecing of the guns when they would fall into the hands of the rebels. Mayneder, knew this, and was in his power to have peremptorily stopped it. But he did no such thing; he went about the business as fast as Floyd or any of his associates, but would have done in his place. Fortunately, the citizens of Pittsburgh interfered and prevented the execution of the traitorous design. The charge against Ripley is not to touch his loyalty, but only seriously affect his integrity. The sum of money involved is only $3,000, and therefore, in the cases of steamer Catalina jobs, St. Louis fortifications, Cumming, Morgan and McKinstry grabbings, is not worth talking about, except as a warranted the inference that the officer who will take that sum of money, by fraudulent representations, will bear watching.

Col. Craig was removed from the head of the Ordnance Bureau in April last, on account of old age. Secretary Cameron alleging that "the exigency of the present crisis demands young, healthful and vigorous faculties." To meet this exigency another old man was appointed to fill his place. There is only a difference of two years in the ages of the two respectively of Col. Craig and Gen. Ripley, the former having entered the army as a Lieutenant in 1812, and the latter in 1814. Practically the difference is no closer between Ripley on this score. But the pamphlet says that the immediate occasion of Col. Craig's removal was his refusal to pay an exorbitant price for a quantity of gun-powder seized at Georgetown, and that the day after Gen. Ripley was appointed over him the bill was paid without a murmur. The moral to be drawn from Col. Craig refused to pay it, Adjutant-General Thomas remarked to him in a threatening tone that "it did not look well for a soldier to kick." However that may have been, we know that in less than two months after Gen. Ripley was made Chief of Ordnance, 4,500 Hall's carbines were sold to a speculator for $3.50 each, and subsequently bought back by Gen. Fremont at $22 each, and by Alexander Cummings at $15 each. Craig's pamphlet says that 10,000 Harper's Ferry rifles were sold by the Ordnance Bureau about the same time. It is proper to say that the War Web Committee who reported on the transaction in Hall's carbines exculpated Gen. Ripley, although animadverting strongly on the singular character of the whole proceeding. A wrong idea has been understood as imputing any improper motive or conduct to Gen. Ripley or any one else in the premises, but simply to remark that people, judging this and that together, were inclined to talk very emphatically about the various purchases and contracts for arms.

Chicago, in the year 1808, didn't amount to much. It nevertheless had a name and a certain amount of trade at that early period. A gentleman connected with the Indian Bureau has been found an old book which would delight the heart of the Secretary of your Historical Society. It is labeled on the cover "Late Book, Chicago Factory, 1808, 1809 and 1810." It is a common account book of transactions of an Indian agent or store-keeper with the aborigines of the period and a few white men or half-breeds who dwelt thereabout. The scale of prices ruling in the Chicago market at that time may be interesting to the Board of Trade. Mr. Shekelton, the trader is charged with 4 ounces of vermillion (to paint his face) at $1.50; also 5 yards of cotton (at 20 cents per yard) $3.50; also, 1 lb. powder (@ 2 lbs. $2.50); 4 lbs. shot, 30 cents; 2 flints, 4 cents; 1 cow bell, $1; 1 powder horn, $1.20; 5½ ounces garden seeds, $2.50. Another customer is charged with "1 gold wampum," at $4.00. Several natives are credited with furs as follows: 19 rats (muskrats probably) at 20 cents each, $3.80; 4 otters, $12.50; 1 bear skin, $3.00; 1 cat, 20 cents; 1 "wbolf," 40 cents; 4¼ lbs. of beaver, $4.25; 183 deer skins, $71.60; 5 foxes, $2.; 2 lbs. beeswax, 20 cents; 2 lbs. feathers, 10 cents. Powder was in fashion at that time, for we find that on the 27th September, 1808, Mr. Audjeomeckon put the following list of articles "up the spout" for his purchases: 5 arm bands, 1 collar of wampum, 2 crosses (the sinner!), 8 large brooches, 4 small ditto, and one ear jewel. Improvident Audjeomeckon!

The Infamous Record of an Indiana Colonel and West Pointer.

[Correspondence Cincinnati Commercial.]

[We would not publish the following letter, containing, as it does, many extraordinary statements, if it were not from a responsible man, who makes no secret of the fact that he is the writer, and that he is the Captain of the 37th Indiana Regiment of Volunteers. We are astonished at the report given of Col. Hazzard's conduct, as we have thought him one of the most competent Colonels in the army. He is a West Pointer, and ranks as Captain in the regular service.—EDS. COM.]

CAMP AT BACON CREEK, KY., Jan. 5, 1862.

It is more than a fortnight since I wrote you a letter, and I find myself disposed this evening to write another—not because I don't like the editor, nor because I don't like to write, for I am affirmatively guilty on all the above points, but because I cannot find a fit subject to write about when it is printed. How can a man tell whether the reading world is feasting upon the brilliant scintillations of his brain, or whether they are in *bad* humor, unless he gets a paper? Such is my blissful ignorance touching my letter of Dec. 19th. Since my last, we have moved to Bacon Creek, the incidents of which march, especially the inhuman treatment of the sick who were left there, and those who were forced to march until they fell by the wayside, have already been made public. Two of them sleep in their graves near Nebraska, Indiana, the result of that day's brutality. But I must hasten over the space of two weeks, which have not been without their heartaches, to relate the incidents of this momentous Sabbath day. Paradoxical as it may appear, this has been the happiest and happiest day that we have seen since we have been in the service; and on account of the fact that the Sabbath is dawned upon three dear comrades: Adison W. Clendenning, of Company G; William Laforge of Company H; and John Parker of Company F. This fearful calamity was followed by another more mysterious and alarming. At 8 o'clock, Washington Rusinger of Company D, feeling slightly indisposed, went to the doctor for medicine. Returning to his quarters he took a dose of it, and in a few minutes fell over in a kind of fit and died before noon. The body was speedily buried by order of the "Powers that (used to) be," but will be disinterred in the morning, for examination, by order of the Brigade Surgeon. This evening H. P. Grinsted, of Company C, was unwell, but still going about the camp. He took a dose of medicine from the Surgeon's prescription, and dropped dead in a few minutes. I make no comments. Just at roll-call this evening another soldier, Brother M. Mitchell, fell asleep in death, making six dead men in the 37th Indiana regiment in one day. The *happiness* to-day consists in the fact that we are at least temporarily relieved from the tyrannical rule of Colonel George W. Hazzard. The circumstances of this affair are these: Yesterday the Brigade Surgeon sent an order that our sick, who were crowded into four foul hospitals, such as the camp affords, should be removed to Louisville, where they might be properly cared for. This order the Colonel and Dr. Anderson would not obey. This afternoon, Dr. Blackman, Chief Surgeon of this Division, called to see why. Col. Hazzard told him he (Blackman) had no authority to order his sick away, and after some further conversation, said he'd "be d——d if Blackman should take them away," and threatened to force him out of camp. Blackman left, remarking that "he would take care of the sick, and the well, too, in this regiment." Going to an old log-house about a mile from camp, he found fifteen sick men crowded into one room, which I heard the Doctor tell Dr. Anderson was "worse than the Black Hole of Calcutta." These men complained that they were not treated well. Dr. Blackman returned, in company with Dr. Mascroft and other physicians, to our camp, and was telling Dr. Anderson what he thought of the treatment of these men, when Colonel Hazzard came out of his tent, and seeing myself and a dozen or more men standing near, yelled at us, "Leave here, every d——d one of you." Not considering myself one of the "d——d ones," I leisurely muttered around, being anxious to hear things of interest to our crushed and dying men. Dr. Blackman turned to the Colonel and said: "Colonel, you have given your last order about the sick men are?" Hazzard replied: "Doctor, I'll put you out of this camp, d—d quick, and turning, called for a file of the guard. The guard, being also disciplined, came to a front again: "Send a file of the guard here," and sitting, said to me, "Go to your quarters, under arrest." I felt me here remark that I'll venture a guess that I am the first Chaplain that has been put under arrest on Sunday for performing religious duties (baptizing dying men, in the United States army.)

After a few words more between Dr. Blackman and Anderson, Hazzard ordered the guard to take Dr. Blackman out of camp, which was immediately done. In about fifteen minutes after Dr. Blackman disappeared, I heard a tremendous shouting and laughing, and looking out, saw General Turchin on horseback leaving Hazzard's tent, taking away his sword, and announcing that Col. Hazzard was returned to his command, the command would devolve upon Major Hall. Whew! how the boys yelled! It was the first thrill of joy many of them have felt for more than a month. An hour afterward, Gen. Mitchel (my heart just then said, "Oh! he is such a good man") and Gen. Turchin came to camp. Gen. Mitchel had some conversation at Hazzard's tent, when they retired, Gen. Turchin leaving an order for my release from arrest.

Of course we do not know how this matter will end. It is probable that Hazzard will be court martialed. One thing I *do* know, every commissioned officer in camp will be willing to sign his name, except three, who are united in a petition for Hazzard's removal, and they will never submit to being led into battle by him. They have already submitted to insult and abuse such as our friends at home dream not of. We are willing to die for our country, but to be under the lead of a fiend that will say to us, "Go d——d if his sick men may not lay upon the ground and rot" before they shall be housed.

We will make them learn before I fall, to rise no more with their own strength; who will say when a sympathising captain asks for "some provision to be made for sick and shelter from rain, "Go to h——l if I don't like it, they were all *dead* or discharged." Under such a heel as that we'll be crushed no longer! The night is far spent, and "soon will be day dawns."

JARED NETHLITE.

A LETTER FROM BENTON BARRACKS.

Life Hours in Barracks—The Unseen Work of War—Sickness, Life, and Loathsome Misery and Death Inseparable—Waste of Material—

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

BENTON BARRACKS, Near St. Louis, Mo., January 6th, 1862.

My agreement with you, I believe, was to write when I had anything particular to tell. For my own sake I ought to have added a clause stipulating for an occasional letter when I really had nothing. I find that old habits of pen-and-ink work recur with stronger force than a long daily diet of enforced inaction, such as we have spent here for a month past. How they press upon me you may judge from this rash attempt to make up a letter from the slumberous life of this Camp of Instruction.

Perhaps, too, it is well for your readers, in these exciting times, that they find occasionally mixed up with your high-spiced army letters the leisurely reflections of a thoroughly idle man. To such a monstrous deal of sack only certainly be added at least three pennyworth of plain bread. They will be reminded, I suppose, that there is war still, and that I leave them to rot in the mountains. They also wearisome halts, lie on the road from home to "glory or the grave." The quiet, unseen work of war; the patient endurance of privations; the contest with petty discomforts and annoyances; the struggle against the dispiriting influence of long delays—these things I fear are not sufficiently thought of when Matilda Jane and Amelia Ann reckon up the sacrifices their own private and particular heroes are making for the country. I feel more, that they are overlooked by older and wiser heads than theirs. No doubt it is with the kindest motives that the very prudent gentlemen in high position act with so much caution and avoid risking a single life in battle unnecessarily. But while they are thus economizing their resources in one way, do they not shut their eyes to fearful waste in another? Is it any worse to lose a thousand men in battle than the same number by disease? I have been here at St. Louis, with amply provided hospitals, and all the appliances of medical skill at hand, men are dying at a rate which, by actual computation, would carry off half our entire army before these three years service expires. And of those deaths, by far the greater portion are the direct consequence of idleness, and its consequent evils in camp. The healthiest body of troops I have seen in Missouri were busy night and day with scouting parties, and living in their tents upon a bleak hill top, ten miles from the nearest hospital or surgeon.

But it is not by death alone that precious material is wasting here, faster than a whole series of battles could carry it off. The living not as well as the dead. Physically and morally the men deteriorate for want of occupation that interest them. Most of them are farmers' boys, fresh from an active out-door life. They are shut up here with no exercise but two or three hours of monotonous drill, no out-door life but a lounge over the level parade ground, and no amusement but cards and the sutler's shop. Their very comforts are noxious. The warm barracks in which they spend perhaps twenty hours out of the twenty-four would enervate even a man of sedentary habits; and the abundant rations of hot food, consumed with the morbid appetite of men who have no other amusement, render them heavy and listless. The cooks tell me it is not an uncommon thing for a man to consume from four to six quarts of coffee at the three meals of a single day.

Upon their minds the influence is even more perceptible than on their bodies. More enthusiastic soldiers never assembled in the world than came up from all parts of the country to the various rendezvous of our volunteers. This is not merely the partial judgment of a fellow-countryman. I was conversing last night with an old European officer of great experience, who has spent this autumn in instructing different regiments, and his testimony was more flattering than anything I have heard from any one else to say. They were only too eager for active service. Like Matilda Jane and Amelia Ann, they saw nothing in enlisting but a "double quick" march to the battle-field. Of course there was an illusion in this which experience must sooner or later have dispelled; but wise policy would have husbanded it as long as possible by putting them into service, which should at the same time have fed their love of adventure and given them practice in arms. Even as a matter of drill—which to some of our officers seems to be the great end, and not merely the means of a soldier's life—this would have been an advantage. Instruction in this respect would not have been eagerly sought after, instead of being looked upon as an irksome daily task. They would have become veteran soldiers without knowing it, and without having the change in their habits thrust upon them at first in its most repulsive form. But drill or no drill, I think there is not a Colonel in camp who will not admit that his men would not have been worth more if marched from the place of enlistment directly into the open field, than they are now, after a month or more of preparation. The whole tendency has been to chill their patriotism by making them feel useless, and to wear off the fine edge of their enthusiasm by subjection to the merest mechanical process of instruction.

I do not mean to charge the fault of this upon any individual or party. It lies in a system which is utterly unfitted for present needs. We are managing an army of half a million by the routine intended for one of ten thousand; and we are organizing citizen volunteers under regulations first created for the most disciplined army to be found on the civilized world. In England alone, where the officers are all of the "higher classes" and the rank and file all mercenaries, could we have found a system so entirely unfit for our present purposes as that under which we are now acting. It is to be hoped that our proverbial ingenuity and shiftlessness will soon enable us to improve upon our model or dispense with it altogether.

I might go on to say something of the plan of instruction here, or rather of the plans, for they have succeeded each other almost as fast as the printer could strike off the orders. A fortnight ago, for instance, we had a series of recitations prescribed that would have dismayed a Teachers' Institute. Field officers were to say their lessons every evening at headquarters, and hear classes from their own line in the forenoon. The company officers in turn were to teach non-commissioned ideas how to shoot. Playing truant and "ranking" was strictly forbidden; careless and inattentive officers and those who should "fail to acquire the lesson set for them," were to be reported, and I presume the unlucky man who missed a question would have seen "the next" go above him, till the bright boy of each class had worked his way "up to the head." This system did not prove a failure, as you might suppose. It simply never went at all, but was quietly and unanimously ignored by teacher and teachees.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

The Last Obsequies of Colonel Baker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12, 1861.

Yesterday the remains of Col. Baker were committed to their resting-place, with fitting honors. The funeral pageant was the most imposing ever witnessed on this coast. The body was laid in state in Platt's Music Hall; the coffin was closed, but placed upon a magnificent catafalco, covered with American flags draped in crape, supported by four broken Corinthian columns, and surmounted by a gilded eagle. The catafalco was covered with a rich black cloth; on each side were wreaths of immortelles, and the arms of California and Oregon. Around the base were the inscriptions "Black Hawk," "Vera Cruz," "Cerro Gordo," "Lecsburgh." The hall was decorated with black and crimson hangings. The services were opened by the "Hymn for the Dead," sung by a select choir, from the best musical talent in the country, accompanied by Mr. Stanly, formerly of North Carolina, and once a partner of Col. Baker, after which the Episcopal service for the dead was read by Bishop Kip. The procession was a very long one, comprising all the military in this vicinity, the Governor and civic officers, the Federal officebolders and employees, the city officials, delegations from the fire department, police, citizens, &c., under the general direction of Col. J. D. Stevenson, Grand Marshal.

The day was a beautiful one, and the procession passed through the principal streets of the city, and into the green fields and wild blooming flowers of Lone Mountain Cemetery, where the last offices were performed by the Rev. Thomas Starr King, and all that was mortal of Col. E. D. Baker was committed to the dust in the cemetery which *he* dedicated six years ago. His glorious death was a fitting close of his honorable life. Illinois, California and Oregon sorrow at his loss; but "his greatness will live after him," and even while he is an example and an incentive to future generations.

Will may speak of him in loftier language than uttered over the remains of his heroic friend Broderick—"Good friend, great heart, gallant leader, hail and farewell!"

HORRORS OF EAST TENNESSEE.

Oppressed Condition of the Loyal People—Hanging of Union Men—Pathetic Appeal for Help.

The *National Intelligencer* is permitted to take the following extract from a private letter addressed to Mr. Senator Johnson, of Tennessee, by a gentleman at Crab Orchard, Kentucky. The writer is an East Tennessean and an assistant surgeon in the army. It is impossible to read his pathetic narrative of the suffering of his people, and not repeat the emphatic inquiry with which this extract concludes:

"I have visited our friends of the two East Tennessee regiments at Somerset, and saw a number of my acquaintances from Hamilton, Rhea, Bledsoe, and other counties. According to their reports (and they are reliable) no people were ever so cruelly treated as our Union men are in those counties. Squads of rebel soldiers are literally scouring the country. The Union men have had to flee from their homes and seek the fastnesses and caves of the mountains

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

RESIGNATION OF SIMON CAMERON.

Our Washington dispatches state that the Secretary of War has resigned his seat in the Cabinet and has been appointed Minister to Russia; and that Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Buchanan's last Attorney General, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Cassius M. Clay has been urging the President for some time past to recall him and give him a command in the army, where he could draw his sword in defense of the Union and Liberty.

Mr. Stanton, it will be recollected, went into Buchanan's Cabinet during the last months of its existence. When Gen. Cass resigned the Portfolio of State, Jeremiah S. Black, then Attorney General, was promoted to the vacancy, and Stanton was appointed to fill the place Black left empty. This was about the time that Floyd, Cobb, and Thompson, having stolen all the public arms, robbed the Treasury and broken down the credit of the Government, retired to the South to help the other conspirators engineer the rebellion. It is just about a year ago that these resignations and appointments were taking place. Stanton is undeniably an able man and an accomplished lawyer. He is of Democratic politics, and voted against the President at the last election, but whether for Douglas or Breckinridge we are not at present informed. He is a Union man, but how emphatic remains to be ascertained. We shall be agreeably surprised if he proves to be in favor of a vigorous and practical prosecution of the war, and the employment of all legitimate means to crush the rebellion and save the Union.

The country will be curious to learn the cause of Cameron's resignation. Was it at his own instance? Or had the pro-slavery Unionists of Kentucky something to do with it? Ever since he made his report to Congress, in which he recommended the confiscation of the slaves of rebels, and their employment in whatever capacity they could render the Government the most assistance against the enemy, he has been hounded by the Wickliffe class of negrophobists, led on by the Louisville *Journal*. They have unceasingly bawled in the President's ears for his head. It will be remembered that the Kentucky Legislature even made a formal demand for his removal; and that the committee of the most influential members, self-appointed, and headed by Lieut. Gov. Fisk, left for Washington some time since. The public will be curious to know whether their mission has had anything to do with the change. Still, his resignation may have been entirely voluntary on his part; he may have felt himself unable properly to manage the vast duties devolving on the Secretary of War, and sought relief therefrom, preferring the lighter and pleasanter position of Minister at the Court of the Czar. Whatever may have been the impelling cause of his withdrawal from the War Department, the *quid nunces* will soon scent it out and put the public out of suspense. The retiring Secretary had his faults and his strong points. We think he was improving as he became more familiar with the multitudinous duties of the office, and that he was reforming many glaring abuses that disfigured the first months of his administration. We earnestly hope that the country has not lost by the exchange of Secretaries.

Since the ice is broken we are prepared to hear of other Cabinet changes taking place, some of which could be made without detriment to the public good, if reasonable care and prudence be exercised in selecting their successors.

LATER.

Since writing the above our Washington reporter telegraphs us the following, which we most sincerely hope may prove true:

Whatever are the motives of the removal of Cameron, it is certain that Stanton, his successor, is *sound on the slavery question*. He is an intimate personal friend of Chase and Sumner, is known to be in favor of a *vigorous prosecution of the war, and of striking the rebellion in their tenderest spot*. His position is entirely satisfactory to Cameron. Stanton's personal integrity, ability and vigor of character are unquestioned. He is accounted one of the best lawyers in the country. His nature is that of a bull dog, and he is a man of war throughout.

The country will rejoice with an exceeding great joy, if the statements of our reporter be verified by the sequel. That Stanton is an honest man is believed by those who know him best; that he is a very able man is widely known; that he is a bold and earnest man is known to all his acquaintances. Now, if to these essential qualities he adds a hearty love of Union and Liberty, and a determination "to strike the rebels in their tenderest spot," we can safely proclaim a gleam of sunshine breaking through clouds of dismal darkness. Let us never despair of the Republic.

THE GAME LAWS.

The game laws of Illinois went into temporary operation yesterday, the 15th, and interested parties have probably made a note of the fact already. It is to give the birds a chance to grow fat for next fall's market. So no more game for the present.

"FORWARD MARCH."

This will be a welcome command to our boys at Cairo and Paducah "spoiling for a fight," as the expressive phrase is, a term our splendid army has in the fullest sense realized. The advance of the three columns of Gen. McClernand, Gen. Paine, and Col. Cook will have the best possible effect, if the commanders do their duty, and the right policy of this war is acted upon. Is it not time to use all the advantages God has given us for crushing this rebellion? Let us have no more of this "fortifying," but let our columns sweep forward, gathering strength as they move and rejecting no element of power, on a question of complexions. When a good blow is struck, follow it up, don't come home to glorify, gentlemen, but go ahead; the lecture rostrums can wait. At last there is a movement. Let us thank God and take courage. Forward march!

A FACT PLAINLY STATED.

The Washington *Republican* says the *pro-slavery fanaticism of the great body of the officers of the regular army, which has thus far paralyzed the war*, has proved too strong for the President and Cabinet, whose direct and explicit orders (as recently those of Gen. Sherman) are constantly violated. Legislation is needed, and the prospect is, that it will soon be obtained. If it is, and as soon as it is, an advance of the armies will accomplish some practical good. It is not in the field, but in Congress, that the real battles are to be fought upon which the issue of this war depends.

CHICAGO PRODUCE TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of flour, grain, live stock, &c., during the past week were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	25,171	14,098
Wheat, bu	posed of Lewis Cass,	5,551
Corn, bu	138,807	
Oats, bu	14,900	2,000
Rye, bu	1,000	
Barley, bu	16,992	1,500
Seeds, lbs	58,000	60,000
Pork, bbls	1,963	6,900
Cut Meats, lbs	48,496	3,806,061
Lard, lbs	1,208,000	1,208,000
Tallow, lbs	31,460	210,998
Live Hogs, No	31,546	11,300
Dressed Hogs, No	2,951	2,951
Beef Cattle, No	2,000	235

The following table shows the receipts of leading articles since the 1st of January to date for three years:

	1862.	1861.	1860.
Flour, bbls	25,171	48,917	14,813
Wheat, bu	203,339	283,646	94,743
Corn, bu	138,807	99,275	103,796
Oats, bu	14,900	16,796	36,988
Rye, bu	1,000	20,319	1,000
Barley, bu	16,992	15,000	13,000
Seeds, lbs	124,691	54,395	116,797
Pork, bbls	14,904	8,849	7,178
Cut Meats, lbs	4,054,557	797,000	541,784
Lard, lbs	1,359,914	1,110,000	650,138
Tallow, lbs	31,460	30,967	7,000
Live Hogs, No	42,846	24,463	4,730
Dressed Hogs, No	26,951	43,480	17,819
Beef Cattle, No	2,118	4,000	1,264

☞ Our dispatches of last night confirm the intelligence that Humphrey Marshall's rebel force has melted away before Col. Garfield's advance. Humphrey himself did not melt, though doubtless he felt that the fire was all in the fire.

THE BURNSIDE EXPEDITION.—"WE REMEMBER THE BLOW WILL FALL."

This morning we lay before our readers the full details of the second great Naval Expedition, under General Burnside, which day before yesterday sailed from Fortress Monroe for its destination. We have for some days past held the information we now give, under a seal of secrecy, which seal was removed by our private dispatches last evening, and we may now definitely state that this magnificent land and naval force is to strike a blow at North Carolina, and ere this, has doubtless well begun its work.

If the reader will accompany our explanation by reference to a good map, it will be seen that Hatteras Inlet opens into the broad expanse of the two great sounds, Albemarle and Pamlico, on the seaward side locked by a line of low sand-bars and spits, while landward the deep indentations of bays and estuaries extend far into the interior of the State, constituting its richest agricultural region, its greatest slaveholding section, and, consequent to the latter, its rebel strongholds. Upon these beautiful bays are its principal seaports, and from points easy of occupation through this extent of hundreds of miles of coast, the map will show how short a land movement will place in our hands railroad points of vital importance to the rebellion.

This, then, is Gen. Burnside's mission. He will pass through Hatteras Inlet, the gateway won to us by Butler's victory of the 29th of August last, and now for the first time promising the long-expected fruit of that capture. His immense fleet will sweep these waters, for the navigation of which a glance at the lists in another column will show them well chosen, from size and lightness of draft. He may land a force northward which will be within easy reach of Norfolk to co-operate with a force from Fortress Monroe; or may punish the rebels along the Roanoke, lay Plymouth in ashes, sink and destroy the mosquito fleets of the rebels, and the craft now building on the stocks, for these waters are the source and retreat of the rebel navy. Southward the Neuse gives a broad approach to Newbern, as well as other points of access to the railroads into the interior.

All that is wanted for the utmost success of this expedition is the right spirit and temper in its commander. The army we know are right, and Gen. Burnside has with him picked troops, who are burning but, and nothing shall be done to wound the sensibilities of the chivalrous slaveholders, and that no injury shall be inflicted that would render them adverse to a reconstruction of the Union on a pro-slavery basis; or in other words, that would prevent the admission of the Free States into the Southern Confederacy under the Montgomery Constitution. That is the solution of the inaction of our grand army.

But this delicacy towards the particles is not confined exclusively to the West Point Generals, but is shared by some members of the Cabinet. One of them recently declared in the presence of several persons in substance:—"We are striving to restore the Union and preserve the Constitution. We all trust to see the Union once more restored; but in order to succeed in achieving this great result, we must leave no festering wound behind, to rankle and corrode for generations to come. No such wound has yet been inflicted on either side, and he hoped none would be."

Had our armies advanced in December and attacked and beaten the rebels along their lines, and followed up the blow until they were dispersed or captured, it would have left a "festering wound" behind in the minds of the chivalry that would "rankle and corrode" for years to come. No such wound has been inflicted. Of course the country should rejoice that our southern brethren in arms against us, have not been offended.

WAS IT FRAUD OR TREACHERY?

We have before us three cartridges brought to us from Annapolis by a friend. They are a portion of the ammunition for Enfield rifles served out to Burnside's forces for the Great Expedition. To the eye they are alike in appearance, and the slight difference in weight could not instantly be detected. But the difference is that one of the three *contains not a particle of powder*. A prominent officer of the Expedition told our informant that this was about the proportion throughout the entire lot of Enfield cartridges—one-third of them carefully put up without powder. Now here is a case for investigation. Was it fraud, or treachery, that seeks to palm off upon our brave troops, on the eve of an expedition, sham cartridges? Let us have an explanation of this affair, Secretary Stanton.

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAILROAD.

In spite of the unfavorable times, the directors of the Mississippi and Missouri railroad are pushing their line towards the Missouri. The progress is slow, it is true, but when the central division is once completed, the momentum of the business that will press upon it, will force an early completion. The line is now finished three miles west of Victor, and within three miles of Brooklyn, which place the tracklayers are expected very soon to reach. Brooklyn is about fifty miles west of Iowa City, and a hundred and five west of Davenport, on the Mississippi. It is a great pity that means cannot at once be put at the command of the Company to complete the road to the Des Moines river the present year, and to the Missouri by a year from the first of January next. Two hundred miles of railway through so rich a State as Iowa, with a most valuable land grant to aid in its construction, ought not even in these times to be considered a work too great to be completed in two years.

A FOREIGNER'S QUESTIONS.

The phenomenon which would strike the foreigner looking at the internal politics of this Republic for the first time with most amazement and we may say horror, is that with which our own people are so familiar that it excites no surprise; we mean the unwillingness of a large class of American citizens to entertain any proposition for the abolition of Human Slavery—the acknowledged cause and fecund mother of all the heavy woes which have fallen upon the country. We can understand the reasoning which, as long as we were enabled, despite their arrogance, to live in peace with the slave-drivers, made men submit to the national disgrace which four millions of bondmen imply; we can appreciate, because we have felt, almost every degree of unwillingness to violently disturb the constitutional relations of the two extremes of the Union, for the sake of the slave. We recognize and respect that hopefulness which has been content to wait for that returning sense of justice, that better enlightenment and that higher civilization that would prepare the slave for the boon, and at last set him free. We are tolerant of that spirit of concession, even to the verge of cowardice, which, for the sake of peace and for the quiet working out of our great political experiment, the North has displayed. But the time for all these has passed. Our toleration is regarded as an insult, because it is not approval. Our forbearance is challenged as meanness of spirit, which will submit to anything for money. Our respect for constitutional obligation is interpreted as disinclination to fight; and because the North, thus careful and scrupulous, has asserted its share in the administration of the Government, the slaveholders for whom we have put down conscience by reasons invented for the occasion, for whom we have endured the taunts of all the civilized world, and for whom we have stifled the highest aspirations of patriotism, are in open revolt against that authority to which we have sacrificed so much, that it might equally bless them and us. They spring at our throats with the fury of madmen; and the contest is now for life. But in spite of all this, in spite of the immeasurable losses which the rebellion of the slave holders has entailed, in spite of the blood which must be spilled to put the rebellion down, in spite of the lawful opportunity to carry freedom to four millions of God's creatures, to remove a great national reproach and to free the Republic of the monster crime of the age, we find that the old party formulas and watchwords—the dogmas of other times and other surroundings—the reasonings which apply only to a period of peace—are those which control the thoughts and limit the action of half the people of the land. The gabble, now meaningless, about the constitutional rights of the South, as if the South in revolt against the Constitution, and laboring with half a million of armed men to subvert and destroy it, had not forfeited all the rights which that instrument conferred—this gabble is as unceasing and as eagerly listened to as when the Union was intact and the South was loyal. When all men who are not knaves or fools admit that the property of rebels in arms is justly forfeited, and only waits seizure by the Federal power, slave property—the cause of the revolt, its main strength and the agency which gives it greatest power for mischief—has grown to be peculiarly sacred; and though it is admitted that we may shoot the rebel, lay waste his farm, burn the city in which he lives, and do him whatever other injury civilized warfare will justify, we must, in obedience to his "constitutional rights," send him back his slave. The old declaration, "I am not in favor of Slavery; but we shall divide the Union if we insist upon disturbing it," is repeated with a happy unconsciousness that this is not the year 1859, or, that, since that date, there has been any change in the principles which have been struggling for the mastery.

It is said of the Bourbons that they never learned, nor never forgot anything. The taunt has a wider application now; and the fact that it is true of a large fraction of a great and intelligent people, as it was true of Louis XVIII, would, we say, move a foreigner with wonder and horror. He would inquire, Why is it that you neglect to take advantage of the peculiarity of your situation? Why persist in a feeling of regard for men who are thirsting for your blood? Why spend your time in deprecating the horrors of a "remorseless revolutionary struggle," when you must know that that struggle has come, and that you cannot avoid your part there-

The American Cavalry Service.

As we have already and often said, the Government is perplexed to know what to do with the immense volunteer cavalry which has grown up on its call for that arm of the service. We have now not less than *seventy-three* regiments organized or in camp, embracing fully seventy-five thousand men, and the mere cost of whose equipment—at a time when money is not to be had for the asking—is seventy-five million dollars! So far as half this force is concerned, we are forced to the confession that the money might as well be buried in the ground. Indeed, it is worse than thrown away; for it denies to other arms of the service the thousands of recruits, who, having chosen the cavalry, feel it beneath their dignity to change to infantry or artillery. McClellan has on the Potomac nominally some twenty thousand cavalry; not five thousand of whom are in a condition to be of the least advantage. General Buell has in Kentucky nominally twelve thousand, and three-fourths of these are condemned by the commanding general as unfit for service. So through the list of the entire seventy-five thousand cavalry we may not reasonably expect that more than one-third will justify the expense that has called them into being. We want cavalry, but not so much of it. We want money, and should not throw away what little we have, upon a useless and cumbersome arm. If the new Secretary of War shall, therefore, at one fell swoop decapitate *all* the cavalry now in camp, and reorganize and reconstruct the balance, reducing numbers to about thirty-thousand men, he will have earned the thanks of the country. The late Secretary, although heartily sick of his bargain, had in some measure tied his hands against such a slaughter of the innocents. Let us have an end to cavalry recruiting, and a limit to the cavalry service.

The Relief of the Families of Volunteers.

The law for the relief of the families of volunteers will cost the people of the State of Michigan easily enough $250,000 or $300,000 the present year, and the bill now before the Legislature to amend the act of last spring does not promise to make it any less. A number of the counties have appropriated $8,000, $9,000, and even higher amounts, while others have appropriated less than a thousand dollars, so that the average will easily reach $5,000, and with that basis any one can readily estimate the entire amount paid in the State. The matter is now undergoing a thorough sifting at Lansing, and many abuses are being exposed.

Hundreds of instances are related where families have received money regularly from their heads in the army every month sufficient to keep them in comfort, and yet the fifteen dollars from the Supervisor have been drawn and used either extravagantly or hoarded away. And so it has gone on from bad to worse, until a radical reform is now demanded. The new bill reported authorizes Boards of Supervisors to afford relief when necessary, and to raise money for the purpose on bonds issued for a term not to exceed three years, and to collect taxes for their payment. The money thus obtained shall constitute a separate fund, known as the "Volunteers' Family Relief Fund." The bill requires that the family receive some aid, at least, from the absent soldiers each month, and the Supervisor must take personal cognizance of the wants of the family.

A New Fibre.

Several months since there was an article in our paper calling attention to a new article from which fibre can be obtained not unlike that of flax. Reference to a plant of no common milk weed species, of from three to five feet high. It grows wild upon the prairies and specially infests corn fields.

Mr. E. E. Chever, of Specie Grove, Kendall county, called at our office yesterday morning, and left as a specimen of the stalk and the fibre. The stalk was simply soaked in warm water and the woody parts were rubbed out, having the fibre long and nearly white. Twisted into a small cord it is very strong, and so far as we can judge from a small specimen, we should suppose that ropes, paper and other articles could be profitably made from it. Mr. Chever's attention was called to the matter by the Indians of California, who there use the fibre successfully for a great variety of purposes. Will not some of our enterprising, intelligent farmers investigate the matter and give the public the benefit of their knowledge and experience, through the columns of the TRIBUNE.

The United States Agricultural Society.

The United States Agricultural Society on Thursday re-elected President Hubbard, Secretary Poor, Treasurer French, and nearly all the old Vice Presidents. The Executive Committee was re-organized, and consists of Marshall P. Wilder of Massachusetts; Fred Smyth of New Hampshire; Isaac Newton of Philadelphia; C. B. Calvert of Maryland; Legrand Byington of Iowa; J. H. Sullivan of Ohio; and M. Myers, of California. President Lincoln's recommendation of the establishment of an Agricultural and Statistical department, was warmly commended, and he was elected an honorary member. The suggestions of the President's address were debated and indorsed, and a large edition was ordered to be printed. The establishment of an Agricultural department was discussed and recommended. There was a decided expression of opinion against national exhibitions unless they can be held at Washington.

The Kansas Governorship.

The contest between Robinson and Crawford for the Governorship of Kansas is now in its full tide before the Supreme Court of the State. At the instance of Mr. Crawford, the court has issued a mandamus requiring the State canvassers (Robinson, etc.,) to count up the votes for Crawford, which is the final step in the proceedings. Crawford will then show that out of 15,000 votes cast on the Capital question, he received a clear majority. It is said that Gov. Robinson privately regards his case as hopeless, and is figuring for the United States Senatorship to succeed Lane. All the newspapers of Kansas, except one or two, are down upon Robinson.

The 39th (Yates) Regiment.

Adjutant General Fuller has announced to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Colonel Austin Light from the service, the following officers for the 39th regiment, Yates Phalanx, now on the Upper Potomac:—Colonel, Thomas O. Osborn, promoted r Lieut. Colonel, Orrin L. Munn, promoted; Major, Sylvester W. Munn, promoted from a Captaincy.

Also, Jonathan K. Miles to be Major of the 27th regiment, vice Hall Wilson, promoted to Colonel of the 5th cavalry.

Sale of Port Royal Cotton.

The first sale of Port Royal cotton, confiscated and gathered by our troops, was made at New York city, the other day, when seventy-nine bales were knocked off at auction. The price paid ranged from 18 cents a pound to 62½ cents. The 18 cent lot was of a kind never before received in the Northern market, being denominated "waste" among the planters. The higher priced were the first quality Sea Island cotton.

Orestes A. Brownson made the remark, recently, that the sort of courage most in demand now-a-days, was not that which would ride the chances of being killed, as there was no want of men ready to sacrifice their own lives, but it was the courage to kill somebody. There is noticeable a gradual improvement in that respect. Several military executions of private soldiers have recently taken place. It is time a higher range of operations were commenced. The execution of a few individuals wearing shoulder straps, might be attended with happy results. The tribe of thieves, too, who swarm in Washington and haunt the armies like carrion crows, very much need thinning out.

☞ Col. Sam Colt, the celebrated pistol man, whose decease at Hartford, Conn., has been announced, was born in that city July 19th, 1814. The wooden model of his pistol was made by him while on a voyage to Calcutta in 1830, and he took out his first patent for revolving firearms in 1835. The first manufacture of his arms was in Paterson, New Jersey, and was not successful. Afterwards Mr. Colt established the present works at Hartford.

☞ We have already stated that the 33d Indiana regiment, in Kentucky, was so reduced by sickness that only some 300 were possibly able to appear on dress parade. Governor Morton, therefore, applied to Gen. Buell for permission to call the regiment home and repair damages. The Indianapolis *Journal* says General Buell has never condescended to notice, much less grant, this humane request.

☞ The "frontier village" of Quincy (we quote from the Springfield *Journal*) is to have a guard during the winter, lest parties of Missouri marauders cross on the ice and make havoc in that part of the State. The *Journal* chronicles the departure from Camp Butler of the Yates Sharpshooters, a battalion of six companies under Lieut. Col. A. Matteson, who will go into winter quarters at Quincy and be supplied with arms upon arriving there.

☞ From Indianapolis we learn that there is no truth whatever in the report that Col. Willich has or intends to resign; but, on the contrary, it is quite probable that the Prussian will appeal him a Brigadier-General.

"THEY HAVE FRIENDS THERE."

In a recent debate in Congress, Brigadier General "Dick" Richardson gave as one of the reasons why our Generals are so backward in marching South, that *they have friends there!* Is it not unfortunate that our Generals as so many of them hampered with social relations of this kind? It held Patterson back. Sherman has dallied and wasted time at Beaufort until the gallant blue jackets openly censure him. Smith, at Paducah, has too many friends, and can do nothing, and Gen. Stone on the Upper Potomac, is troubled in like manner. How much more harm would be done to the Union cause if these officers should go to their friends and rid us at once from the evils of inactivity and inefficiency? These "friendships" of our army officers have cost the Government millions of dollars and thousands of lives. It is quite time that these reluctant, tea-party officers gave way to men whose friendships are more happily located.

THE CONVENTION.

The Convention at Springfield has now got fairly to work. The committees have been organized, according to details to be found in our special dispatches, and from a hasty glance through the list we think we may congratulate President Hacker upon the selections made in many cases. In addition to the thirty-one organized committees, another has been called for, to consider the subject of a reformed practice in our courts of justice. Mr. Edwards of Springfield yesterday moved to prohibit the issue of bank notes in the State. It has been decided to have the proceedings of the Convention fully reported for publication in the *State Journal* and *Register*, each at $4 a column.

☞ This week's TRIBUNE will convey to our readers a full account of the great Burnside Expedition, one week in advance of the New York weeklies. And also a large amount of other important news long ahead of the Eastern papers.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

RESIGNATION OF SIMON CAMERON.

He is Appointed Minister to Russia.

EDWIN M. STANTON, OF PENN., TAKES THE DEPARTMENT.

The Army Appropriations---Two Hundred Millions---Cotton Seed

From Louisville---Splendid Achievement of Col. Garfield---Humphrey Marshall Routed.

Position and Principles of the New Secretary of War.

Departure of Burnside's Expedition.

GEN. LANE AUTHORIZED TO MUSTER IN PERSONS REGARDLESS OF COLOR.

THE LANE-STANTON CONTROVERSY.

Great Preparations at Cairo.

More Troops Leaving for Kentucky.

Troops on the Way from St. Louis.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 1862.

In the absence of Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hickman, the Judiciary Committee stands four to four on the bill to confiscate and emancipate.

The Senate is willing to let the nomination for a new Secretary of War rest for a while. No Senator was consulted beforehand. Other changes are anticipated.

The Senate will pass the House bill abolishing the franking privilege.

Gen. Marcy has so far recovered that he goes to New York to-morrow for some days.

Gen. McClellan is still improving.

The Army Appropriation bill reported from Committee of Ways and Means, appropriates nearly two hundred millions; for pay of volunteers nearly nine millions; for pay of regulars one million; for Western gun-boats and for armament of fortifications over a million; for ordinance nearly eight millions; for army clothing over thirty millions; for the manufacture of arms at the National Armory nearly two millions; for subsistence of volunteers nearly thirty millions.

The hospital of the Morgan Artillery, near Alexandria, was burned on Sunday night. The building was General Lee's property.

The rebels wasted 32 rounds of ammunition on an oyster pung coming up the Lower Potomac. Not one shot hit.

Western farmers desiring cotton seed are advised to wait for green cotton seed producing sea islers, raised by sympathizers of the enemy, a total disregard of the rights of citizens, and being guilty of wanton destruction of property. The General commanding department intends to enforce a change in this respect.

Interpreting confiscation acts by troops themselves has a demoralizing effect, weakens them in discipline, destroys their organization, and makes open and armed enemies of many who, from opposite treatment, would become efficient and non-combatants. It is ordered, then that the severest punishment be inflicted upon every soldier who is guilty of taking or destroying private property, and any commissioned officer guilty of like conduct, or of countenancing it, shall be deprived of his sword and expelled from the company, not to be permitted to return.

In the march, cavalry advance guards will be well thrown out, also flank guards of cavalry or infantry.

When practicable, a rear guard of infantry will be required to see that no teams or baggage or disabled soldiers are left behind.

It will be the duty of company commanders to see that all the wells on their companies are called immediately upon going into camp each day, and every member accounted for.

By order of the United States Government and Brigadier General officer commanding.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, January 13.

Two more columns will be moved into Kentucky to-morrow. All transports here have been chartered for that purpose.

Gen. Grant made a visit of inspection to Bird's Point and Fort Holt, this afternoon.

I am assured from the best authority that troops are on their way here from St. Louis, and will arrive here to-morrow.

Fifty prisoners, taken by Gen. Paine under the order of Gen. Grant, the news of which was telegraphed on Saturday, were brought to Bird's Point to day, among whom is the celebrated Col. Bird, from whom Bird's Point derives its name. It is said positive evidence exists that he has contributed 35,000 dollars to aid the rebellion, and that he voluntarily sent his slaves to work on fortifications at Columbus.

Weather has turned intensely cold.

Matters here and at Fort Jefferson remain in *statu quo* since my last dispatch. Messengers from below report the troops comfortable and the location for camp good. The weather has turned quite cold, with a sharp, cutting wind, and the roads are drying very fast.

A nephew of Gen. Polk was captured last night near Blandville by one of our scouting parties. He has in his possession dispatches to spies in Columbus.

A dispatch to Gen. Grant, from Fort Jefferson, states this forenoon a reconnoissance was made in the direction of Columbus by a large force of cavalry under Captain Stewart, supported by the 10th Illinois regiment, Colonel Morgan, and 18th Illinois, under Col. Lawler, Gen. McClernand accompanied the force, which went three miles beyond Elliott's Mills, and the cavalry drove in the rebel pickets, at the same time the gunboats Essex and St. Louis, under orders from Capt. Porter of the Essex, went down the river towards Columbus, and when our regiment left heavy firing was heard in that direction.

All passes to Bird's Point, Fort Holt and Fort Jefferson have been stopped; under no pretence will they be granted to citizens.

Snow commenced falling at noon and continues.

FROM CAIRO.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, January 14, 1862.

The cannonading down the river this afternoon was between our gunboats and rebel batteries.

The gunboats Essex, St. Louis and A. O. Tyler, on board which was Com. Foote, Gen. Grant and his aid, Capt. Lagow, ran down within one mile and a half of the rebel fortifications, and opened fire upon them, throwing about twenty shot and shell in returning fire. Not more than five shot being thrown, which fell short. It is supposed that our shell did much damage. Flag officer Foote is convinced that he can reduce Columbus with but small loss when he descends the river with the whole fleet.

No torpedoes or masked batteries were discovered. If any torpedoes have been planted the large quantities of ice now floating down the river will do them serious damage.

The Provost Marshal of Rolla has in custody one Stigeman, charged with committing an outrage in Springfield.

He states that the attempt to blow up the train on the Southwest Branch last summer was done by a gang headed by one Schable.

Col. Carr's battery are still on the Gasconade with Major Wright's battalion, lately from Lebanon. Five infantry regiments are to reinforce Col. Carr's command.

Gen. McClernand's column moved forward to-day from Fort Jefferson, and the columns under Gen. Paine, Col. Cook, and also those under the command of Generals Smith and Wallace at Paducah, have made similar moves. Their object or destination is not yet known.

General Grant and staff will leave here to-morrow morning.

The 3d regiment Douglas Brigade, Col. Dave Stewart, will arrive this evening.

The 7th Iowa, Col. Lohman, 8th Wisconsin, and Col. Smith's Lead Mine regiment are expected here to-morrow.

Brigadier General Stanley is expected here in a few days to take command of one of the Brigades in this Division.

Major W. D. Sanger will assume command at Fort Holt for the present.

Firing was heard this P. M., in the vicinity of Fort Jefferson, which is supposed to proceed from our gunboats. Capt. Kountz, Quartermaster of Transports, is accused of disobedience of orders and using disrespectful language towards superior officers. He will probably be placed under arrest and be removed.

The following admirable general order was promulgated to-day:

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF CAIRO, CAIRO, January 13, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

During the absence of the expedition now starting upon soil occupied almost solely by the rebel army, and when it is a fair inference that every stranger met is an enemy, the following orders will be observed:

Troops will be marched and kept in the ranks, company officers being held strictly accountable for all stragglers from their companies.

No firing will be allowed in camp or on the march not strictly required in the performance of duty.

While in camp, no privileges can be granted to officers or soldiers to leave their regiment's grounds, and all violations of this order must be promptly and summarily punished.

Disgrace has been brought upon our soldiers by the bad conduct of some of their number showing on all occasions, when marching through the fields, raised by sympathizers of the enemy, a total disregard of the rights of citizens, and being guilty of wanton destruction of property. The General commanding deeply intends to enforce a change in this respect.

Interpreting confiscation acts by troops themselves has a demoralizing effect, weakens them in discipline, destroys their organization, and makes open and armed enemies of many who, from opposite treatment, would become efficient and non-combatants. It is ordered, then that the severest punishment be inflicted upon every soldier who is guilty of taking or destroying private property, and any commissioned officer guilty of like conduct, or of countenancing it, shall be deprived of his sword and expelled from the company, not to be permitted to return.

In the march, cavalry advance guards will be well thrown out, also flank guards of cavalry or infantry.

When practicable, a rear guard of infantry will be required to see that no teams or baggage or disabled soldiers are left behind.

It will be the duty of company commanders to see that all the wells on their companies are called immediately upon going into camp each day, and every member accounted for.

By order of the United States Government and Brigadier General officer commanding.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, January 13.

Two more columns will be moved into Kentucky to-morrow. All transports here have been chartered for that purpose.

Gen. Grant made a visit of inspection to Bird's Point and Fort Holt, this afternoon.

I am assured from the best authority that troops are on their way here from St. Louis, and will arrive here to-morrow.

Fifty prisoners, taken by Gen. Paine under the order of Gen. Grant, the news of which was telegraphed on Saturday, were brought to Bird's Point to day, among whom is the celebrated Col. Bird, from whom Bird's Point derives its name. It is said positive evidence exists that he has contributed 35,000 dollars to aid the rebellion, and that he voluntarily sent his slaves to work on fortifications at Columbus.

Weather has turned intensely cold.

Matters here and at Fort Jefferson remain in *statu quo* since my last dispatch. Messengers from below report the troops comfortable and the location for camp good. The weather has turned quite cold, with a sharp, cutting wind, and the roads are drying very fast.

A nephew of Gen. Polk was captured last night near Blandville by one of our scouting parties. He has in his possession dispatches to spies in Columbus.

A dispatch to Gen. Grant, from Fort Jefferson, states this forenoon a reconnoissance was made in the direction of Columbus by a large force of cavalry under Captain Stewart, supported by the 10th Illinois regiment, Colonel Morgan, and 18th Illinois, under Col. Lawler, Gen. McClernand accompanied the force, which went three miles beyond Elliott's Mills, and the cavalry drove in the rebel pickets, at the same time the gunboats Essex and St. Louis, under orders from Capt. Porter of the Essex, went down the river towards Columbus, and when our regiment left heavy firing was heard in that direction.

All passes to Bird's Point, Fort Holt and Fort Jefferson have been stopped; under no pretence will they be granted to citizens.

Snow commenced falling at noon and continues.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 14.—The following official documents were read at headquarters to-day:

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 8th.

To Capt. J. B. Frey, A. A. G.:

I entered this place yesterday with the 42d Ohio, the 7th Kentucky, and 300 of the 2d Virginia cavalry. On hearing of my approach the main rebel force of 5,000 strength left their trenched camp and fled. I sent my cavalry to the mouth of Jennis's creek, where they attacked and drove the rebel cavalry which had been left as a vanguard, a distance of 5 miles, killing 3 and wounding a considerable number.

Marshall's whole army is now flying in utter confusion. He had abandoned and burned a large amount of his stores. We have taken fifteen prisoners. Our loss was two killed and one wounded. I start in pursuit to-morrow morning.

J. A. GARFIELD,
Colonel Commanding Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS 18TH BRIGADE, }
PRESTONSBURG, Jan. 11, 1862. }

To Capt. J. B. Fry, A. A. G.:

I left Paintsville on Thursday noon with 1,100 men and drove in the enemy's pickets, two miles below Prestonburg. The men slept on their arms. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning we moved towards the camp of the enemy, at the forks of Middle Creek, under command of Marshall. Skirmishing with his outposts began at 8 o'clock, and at 1 p. m. we engaged his force of 2,500 men and three cannon posted on the hill. We fought them until dark, having been reinforced by 700 men from Paintsville, and drove the enemy from all their positions.

He carried off the majority of his dead and all his wounded. This morning we found 27 of his dead on the field. His killed cannot be less than 60. We have taken twenty-five prisoners, 10 horses, and a quantity of stores.

The enemy burned most of his stores and fled precipitately. To-day I have crossed the river and am now occupying Prestonburg. Our loss is two killed and twenty-five wounded.

Signed, J. A. GARFIELD,
Col. Commanding Brigade.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14, 1862.

Gen. Halleck has written a letter, which appears in the *Democrat* of to-morrow, reproving an officer for delivering up a negro claimed as a fugitive slave. He states that such was not the intent of "Order No. 3." It was not designed to aid either negro catchers or stealers, but by *excluding the persons, to exclude the question*. It was not designed that the relation between slave and master should be determined by any military officer, but merely to keep out negroes avowing themselves fugitives, nor does the order prohibit acts of humanity to such persons, such as furnishing them with food and articles of clothing.

The *Democrat's* Rolla correspondent mentions the settlement of various difficulties which have arisen among the officers of the 36th Illinois regiment, from Col. Grenzel down.

Three prisoners had been brought in from Tuscumbia, where they were captured by Major Capp. One of the rebels formerly belonged to the Union Home Guards at Jefferson City.

Gen. Halleck issued an order on the 12th inst., abolishing the passport system at St. Louis. It has served its purpose and can now be spared greatly to the relief of citizens of St. Louis and all visiting that city.

The Kansas 1st reached Lexington on Friday without meeting any resistance by rebels. On Saturday they proceeded to arrest numbers of leading secessionists, among them Mr. Limerick, a banker, Mr. Sawyer, member of the State Convention, and Hunter Tompkins, a rebel desperado. They destroyed 1500 head of hogs and other property designed for Price's army, and deprived the rebels of their negroes. This course was continued at last accounts.

Advices from Sedalia represent another large haul of rebel prisoners. On Saturday night six miles from there, sixty men, with equipments, were bagged.

Twelve rebel prisoners arrived last night from North Missouri, including Dr. Midlett, formerly of this city.

The North Missouri Railroad is now running on time, the bridge at Mexico having been repaired. Water tanks are carried on the cars.

Gen. Schofield has ordered the six months troops raised for State service to be mustered out on the 25th inst., with the option of enlisting for the war.

River navigation below here is considered suspended for the present. The Graham, from Cairo, is laid up below Arondelet. No boats have arrived or departed since four o'clock yesterday. It is dubious whether the Continental and January, with troops on board, will reach Cairo safely.

The Union Merchants' Exchange has passed a resolution requiring all subscribers and officers to take the oath of allegiance, pledging their honor to perform all obligations to the United States. The new Chamber of Commerce will be in possession of the old Hall in a few days.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 14, 1862.

A long debate on printing took place to-day, and finally the whole subject was disposed of. The *Journal* and *Register* of this city, one Republican and one Democratic German newspaper in the State are to be furnished reports and receive $2 per column, solid nonpareil, for printing.

A. E. & W. H. Dea

tors could not act till the bill comes from the House. He thought that the Senate was not to be blamed because, in the interval existing time, they attended to other matters.

Mr. SHERMAN said there was an extended financial business much broader than a tax bill.

After further discussion a vote was taken on Powell's amendment to except the fugitive slaves. Lost—yeas 5, nays 35. Yeas—Messrs. Boyard, Kennedy, Pearce, Powell and Saulsbury.

Mr. CLARK—[N. H. offered an amendment that no person be hereafter confined in jail without a warrant from the magistrate or court, or an order from one house of Congress. Agreed to.

The bill was passed, yeas 21, nays 4—Messrs. Carlile, Kennedy, Powell and Saulsbury.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER, the bill for the relief of the British ship Perthshire was taken up and passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House resumed the consideration from Thursday of the bill to abolish the franking privileges.

Mr. PORTER expressed the hope that Congress would distinguish itself by reforming abuses, and making the recipient pay postage on documents, instead of the latter being done by the public at large.

Several other gentlemen expressed their views on the subject.

The bill to abolish the franking privilege was further discussed. The question was taken on striking out the whole of the bill except the first section, which absolutely abolishes the franking privilege on and after July 1st.

This was decided in the affirmative.

After further discussion, Mr. WASHBURNE moved to lay on the table the whole subject. This was disagreed to. The bill then passed, 107 against 62. The bill as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., that from and after July 1st, 1863, the franking privilege shall be and is hereby abolished.

The bill making appropriations for exhibiting American products at the World's Fair was tabled by a large majority.

Adjourned.

Interesting Documents on the Trent Affair.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The President submitted to Congress to-day the following documents relative to the Trent affair.

COUNT RECORD TO CHANCELLOR DaHULSEMANN.

The difference which has supervened between the Government and Great Britain, and consequent arrest of Mason and Slidell from the Captain of the San Jacinto on board the British mail packet Trent, has not failed to fix the most serious attention of the Imperial Court. The more importance we attach to friendly relations between the United States and England, the more we regret an incident which has come to add so grave a complication to the situation already bristling with so many difficulties. Without having an intention to enter here upon an examination into the question of right, we nevertheless cannot but acknowledge, that according to international law, and by all the precedents which Government has taken as a rule of its conduct, England could not, in the present instance, refrain from reclamation against the affront given to their flag, and asking prompt reparation for it.

The Count considers the requests reduced to the form of the Court of St. James as not offensive to the Cabinet at Washington, and hopes the authorities will deliver up the prisoners. The Count says the position of Austria, equally bound in friendship to both sides in the present awful war, gives the Imperial Government a right to think that it would be listened to with confidence if the war could not fail to bring, not only on each of the contending parties but upon the affairs of the world generally.

Secretary Seward replied to Hulseman by enclosing him a copy of the correspondence which passed between the Government of the Governments of England and France. Seward adds, first, that the United States are not only incapable for a moment of seeking to disturb the peace of the world, but are liberally just and friendly in their intercourse with all foreign powers. Secondly—that the United States are not unfaithful to their traditions and policy as an advocate of the broadest liberty, in application of the principle of international law, to the conduct of maritime warfare. That the United States is faithful to their sentiments, and at the same time careful of their political construction, which sincerely rejoice if the occasion which has arisen for it to this unprecedented war has proved so as to obtain a revision of the Law of Nations which will render more definite and certain the rights and obligations of the States in time of war.

2000 Texans Marching on Fort Craig.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Jan. 14.—The Santa Fe mail has arrived with dispatches to December 30th. Two thousand Texans were about to be marching up the Rio Grande river, for the purpose of attacking Fort Craig, and the same number marching up the Pecos river to attack Fort Union.

The troops stationed at Fort Wise have been ordered to New Mexico. Fort Union is well prepared to receive an attack, but fears were entertained that Fort Craig will be taken, and the Texans advance on Santa Fe. Considerable excitement prevails in that place.

THE NEW STATE GOVERNMENT OF OHIO.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 14.—Governor Tod was inaugurated at Columbus yesterday. Message is brief. The Governor has confidence in the administration of President Lincoln, and commends the President's determination to restore the Government to its former harmony and vigor. Improvement of the State's financial institutions of any of the States. He recommends the reduction of the salaries of State officers, and the Auditor and Treasurer, the reduction per diem compensation of Legislators and reduction on local taxation. The object of these retrenchments being to enable the State more promptly to meet the war. It recommends a new system of taxing railways, continuance of the tax to support the families of volunteers, and advocates and heads the plan to support the regiments, and finally, a thorough organization of the State Militia.

THE BURNSIDE EXPEDITION.

Its Destination said to be Pamlico Sound.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The *Tribune's* Washington letter, of the 13th, says there is a rumor has it that Burnside's expedition will rendezvous at Hatteras Inlet, and go to Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds will be immediately dislodged. The rebels have learned to understood that the fort (when fairly afloat on the waters of Pamlico Sound, will address itself to Roanoke Island, which is strongly fortified and defended by from 2,000 to 3,000 men, presume the clearing out of the rebels from all the sounds will follow. It must be distinctly understood that the whole work laid out for the expedition.

FROM THE UPPER POTOMAC.

Reported Attack on Romney.

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 12.—Advices from Martinsburg, of the 9th report no regular attack of the rebel army there. All the troops at Winchester had left for Romney.

It is reported that Jackson had stationed Romney and the rebel loss was 100 killed, wounded and 200 taken prisoners. This is reported by a refugee and for said county, though the rebels are said to have burned Bath, and burn other towns to prevent their use by our troops.

From Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 13.—All quiet down the road. The Gazette's Bowling Green correspondent of the Nashville *Courier* says Gen. Johnston called upon the Provisional Governor of Kentucky for 35,000 infantry and 5,000 cavalry for 3 years.

Floyd's Brigade from Virginia are going to Scottsville, Kentucky.

The whole of Hindman's command came on the railroad, Sunday night, and burned the depot and a blacksmith shop, and took all the goods from the store of Dr. Mansfield, at Cave. They also burned the Louisville Depot, Cave City Hotel and stables.

Guerrillas are said to be organizing in the rear, and everybody is ordered to report. It is stated that they intended to return on Monday night and burn every house that could be used by the Federal army in its advance, hospitable or quarters. They also burned all the hay, oats and fodder stocks along the road, and drove off or killed all the cattle, horses and mules to be found.

Disastrous Fire at McGregor, Iowa—Loss $75,000.

MCGREGOR, Iowa, Jan. 15.—A fire yesterday morning destroyed North's drug store, Gilea's jewelry store, Warner's clothing store, Bowen's cabinet shop, and several other buildings. Loss mostly saved. Total loss $25,000.

A Slaver Captured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A letter from Helena reports the capture by a British boat of the bark Lyra off the New York, with negroes on board. Another is supposed have got clear with 900 slaves.

Sigel Still in Command.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—There is high authority for saying that General Sigel is still under the service at Rolla, Mo., and has no intention of leaving it.

The Illinois Artillery Regiment.

[From the Springfield Journal, 13th.]

Two regiments of artillery are being raised in this State, one commanded by Col. D. Webster, and the other by Col. Theo. Mather. Both are now nearly full—being composed of twelve companies each—of one hundred and fifty-six men in the companies, supplied, as far as possible, with officers. Some opposition was made in the Legislature to allowing the batteries to have regimental organization; some officials preferring that the companies should set separate and independent batteries; but Gov. Yates obtained an order from the War Department for the completion of their organization. Illinois will therefore soon have in the field one of the finest and most effective volunteer forces of artillery in the service of the United States. Recruiting is going on rapidly in advantages of the branch of the service, and all others, rendering it comparatively easy matter for captains to fill up their companies.

Arms for Illinois.

The Springfield *Journal* of Monday announces that—

The three car loads of muskets for the Illinois Regiments arrived in this city a few days since, and a similar instalment, (twenty-five hundred and forty guns,) is now in Chicago awaiting shipment to the Arsenal here. We will probably arrive to-day, and will probably be sent along in rapid succession, as issued to the regiments that need them most. Some Colonels, we regret to say, have sent back excellent muskets, which they have damaged by wilful mal-treatment, in expectation of receiving rifled muskets in exchange. This game need not be played longer by it will not succeed.

The Tribune.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

THE CITY.

The Chicago Tribune.

Wondering why people send off their orders for papers, in which to wrap their goods when it can be obtained so much cheaper and better at the waste of Western readers. The bulk of gold pens has something to do with rolling up clubs in the West for the Chicago Tribune brings to Western readers in five days later intelligence than New York papers. It is dated the day it is mailed from this office, while New York papers (the N. Y. *Tribune* excepted) are printed on Wednesday and dated back to Saturday. Here is a fraud of three days in which to be perpetrated on their subscribers, and they bring in actually days older than the reader supposes by the date of the paper.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE furnishes more reading matter every week than any other paper in the United States; and it is bolder, and more outspoken in behalf of the right, and against wrong, than any leading paper in the West. This is conceded by all intelligent readers. It ought to have a weekly circulation of 100,000 copies in the Great West, and would have, if its professed friends would each make a little exertion.

Now that ten copies are sent for ten cents, and a free copy is given to him who gets a club of twenty.

LAMENTABLE CASUALTY.

Collision Between the Cincinnati Express and Hyde Park Trains—Fatal Injuries to Judge William T. Barron and Others.

A terrible collision occurred on Thursday evening last, between the Cincinnati Express and Hyde Park trains, at a station known as Kensington, on the Illinois Central track, five miles south of this city, and one mile south of Hyde Park, which resulted in the instantaneous death of Judge William T. Barron, the fatal injury of S. C. P. Bogue, and the less severe injury to H. A. Hopkins, Esq., Malcolm Packard and John Remington, all of whom were on board the Hyde Park train, and we believe residents of Hyde Park, and doing business in this city. James Fee, engineer of the Cincinnati Express train, had two ribs broken.

The following is known to most of our readers, that the Illinois Central and Michigan Central (including the Cincinnati branch) railways use the same track in common, between this city and Calumet station, the tracks, however, being the property of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The conductor, Mr. John H. Cook, and engineer, Mr. James Brown, belonging to said Cincinnati Express train, were also guilty of gross carelessness and neglect of duty in running their train at a degree of speed which rendered it impossible to stop their train within a reasonable distance, with the distance which they could see ahead.

That the Illinois Central Railroad Company and their conductor are also highly censurable in not providing for their train a bell rope, and also not providing said train with cars of wood so as to lessen the shock and prevent it running on to the next car, and for not leaving a signal to protect the rear, and for not leaving a signal to protect the rear, was also otherwise censurable we believe severely.

The engineer of the Cincinnati train blew his whistle when he discovered the danger but as he was running fully twenty miles an hour, it became impossible to stop the train within the distance. It is said that the Express train was running at the rate of about eight miles an hour, when the collision occurred.

Hence there is diversity of opinion as to the responsibility for this deplorable event. The Coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence in the case, made the following verdict.

The evidence was given to the jury on Friday evening last, the 11th inst. at a quarter past three o'clock, and at eight o'clock in the evening, they came in with the following verdict.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, SS.:

An inquisition was taken for the people of the State of Illinois, at Chicago, in the Court House in the county of Cook, on the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th days of January, A. D. 1862, before me, William Duncan, Coroner for said county, upon the view of the body of the late William T. Barron, and there lying dead, upon the oaths of twelve good and lawful men of the said county, who, being duly sworn to inquire, on the part of the people of the State of Illinois, into all the circumstances attending the death of the said William T. Barron came to his death, do say, upon their oaths, as aforesaid, that the said William T. Barron, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1862, at about ten minutes before 8 o'clock, A. M., by collision caused by the Cincinnati Express train, belonging to the Michigan Central Railroad Company, coming into the Hyde Park train, belonging to the Illinois Central Railroad Company, standing at the station house known as Kensington, while both trains were behind time, the express about three quarters of an hour and the other ten minutes behind time, at the time aforesaid.

That the Michigan Central Railroad Company was guilty of neglect of duty and gross carelessness in not providing for the train a proper system of brakemen; for allowing their employees on their train at a dangerous rate of speed on a curve, with a *heavy track*, while behind time, knowing that other trains were liable to be on the track at that time.

That the conductor, Mr. John H. Cook, and engineer, Mr. James Brown, belonging to said Cincinnati Express train, were also guilty of gross carelessness and neglect of duty in running their train at a rate of speed which rendered it impossible to stop their train within a reasonable distance with the distance which they could see ahead.

That the Illinois Central Railroad Company and their conductor are also highly censurable in not providing for their train a bell rope, and also not providing said train with cars of wood so as to lessen the shock and prevent it running on to the next car, and for not leaving a signal to protect the rear, and for not leaving a signal to protect the rear, was also otherwise censurable we believe severely.

H. H. HAAF, Foreman.
C. T. BOGUE,
C. G. MAYER,
WALTER KIMBALL,
C. G. SYDNEY,
F. H. BROOKS,
FREDERICK BOEWORTH,
E. S. GARDINER,
JOHN MIDDLETON,
BRUNO GANSEL,
CHARLES WALSH,
J. W. WILSON.

This ends the life story of William T. Barron, a life fortunate in its commencement, brief in its progress, terrible in its close. The lamented deceased was born in Bradford, Vermont, Sept. 8th, 1823, and is son of Col. William Barron, a prominent citizen of Orange County.

He was educated at Burlington and Troy, with high honors. He studied his profession with Judge Prentiss, and at twenty-two elected State's Attorney of Essex county, being the youngest lawyer that ever held the office in that State. In 1848 he came to this city, and his life since is well known to the public—a life beautiful with Christian virtues, social qualities and professional honors, though unmarked by any very brilliant deed or great deed, was full of generous charity, finished and perfect as a star, marked with no blot upon its fair surface.

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED.—The Sanitary Commission have received a requisition from the hospitals at Cairo and Paducah for old linen and old socks. Any persons having these things to spare will confer a favor by forwarding them to the Commission.

MORE SOLDIERS IN TROUBLE.—The Police Court swarmed with the blue coats of Uncle Sam's men again yesterday, some eighteen or twenty having been arrested in different parts of the city on charges of "drunk" and "drunk and disorderly." One, James Willis, pleed guilty to entering and taking possession of a saloon and attempting to set up business on his own account. He was from the Lead Mine Regiment and essayed to teach the officer called to arrest him a lesson in the fistic art. A sudden and forcible introduction to a club made a striking impression on his cranium, however, and he went to the lock-up as meek as a lamb.

Ten more soldiers, six of whom were from the Fifty-first Regiment, were caught at the "Home," a notorious place on Clark street. There were two fights and several lesser squabbles there during the day, as a consequence of the admixture of the warlike with the civil element, and hence the arrest. The Court elicited the information that the six members of the Fifty-first regiment were actually deserters, having obtained their passes from Camp Douglas by climbing the enclosure, and fined them three dollars each and fixed their time in the Bridewell at five days, that their officers might have time to secure them. Two members of the Nineteenth regiment, at home on short furloughs, were also taken at the same place.

It is threatened by the city authorities to do something at the next session of the Common Council to prevent these infamies of the military. It is high time. If the commandants of the regiments, and those in charge of the camp, will not see to their men, it will fall upon the city fathers to take them in charge.

"STRUCK ILE."—L. P. Sanger informs us that he has struck oil in Livingston county, in this State. The well was worked until the pump broke. The oil is represented to be equally as good in all respects as the Pennsylvania oil.

DEPARTURE OF THE LEAD MINE REGIMENT.

—The Lead Mine regiment, 45th Illinois, Col. J. E. Smith commanding, leaves this city today for Cairo, and will be escorted to the city at twelve o'clock by the entire force at Camp Douglas.

Employment of Liberated Negroes.

[From the N. Y. Independent.]

MESSRS. Ellis, Britton & Eaton, Novelty Works, Springfield, Connecticut, have made a proposal to the Government of the United States, for a lease of 30,000 acres of confiscated land near Port Royal, at a yearly rent of $50,000, for ten years, with a guarantee of possession and protection, upon which they will give employment, support and schooling to 5,000 liberated negroes as the negroes to be apprenticed, as follows: Those over 60 years, held for life, receiving food, clothing and care; those between 40 and 60, to serve five years, for food, clothing and dwellings, and $100 at the end of the term; those from 20 to 40, to serve five years for their food, clothing, schooling and books, and $200 at the end; $100 to females; those under 20, and all children born during the time, to serve till the age of 25, and have a field, dwelling and three months' schooling, and $100. The proposal must be accepted on or before the 20th of January, 1862, so as to admit of seasonable arrangements for the next cotton crop.

We have seen no practical suggestion which looks so Yankee-like as this. Some such arrangement, in the hands of a thrifty manager, would prove profitable to the negro, highly productive to the Government and healthful to the negroes. But there are in Beaufort District nearly a million acres of land equal to fifty such farms, while there are not negroes enough to work above six on the plan proposed. The lands actually improved amount to 249,289 acres, enough for at least a dozen of such model farms. Shall the rest run to waste again? And what is to be the position of the freed men at the end of ten years? or, indeed, at the present time of the 27,000 in Beaufort not engaged by Messrs. E., B and C, or others? And again, by what authority, known to our Republican institutions, are these so-called apprentices to be held to service? What the Government needs is a comprehensive plan adopted to the tens or hundreds of thousands of people who will be within our lines in a few weeks, and whose existence next year will depend on the crops which they shall plant in the ground prior to the 1st of April.

Rev. Dr. Strickland, of the Methodist Book Room, now chaplain to one of the regiments at Port Royal, writes to the *Christian Advocate* journal, of which he is one of the editors, setting forth the importance of having some policy adopted at once which will secure the civilization of the hundreds

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1862.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Its Organization—Powers—And what is Proposed for it do.

SECOND DAY.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 7, 1862.

The precedents for taking the oath as administered by Judge Breese, are found in the proceedings of the Ohio State Constitutional Convention, and that of the Convention of this State in 1847. There is a manifest absurdity in delegates taking an oath to support a Constitution they are called together to amend and revise, and perhaps replace.

I have been unable to learn how many of the Union Democrats went into caucus for a strict party organization, nor do I know the extent of the pledges made by these men. Let them settle that matter with their consciences and their constituents. The Democracy of the northern half of the State have been ignored in the organization. Sheahan was defeated to-day, and Capt. Connett succeeded in getting seven votes only for doorkeeper, and I believe no more for assistant door-keeper and postmaster, for both of which his friends pushed him.

William J. Allen of the Third district, and H. K. S. O'Melveny of the Eighth, are believed to be constitutionally ineligible, both being Judges of Circuits. Allen's seat will not be contested, but the opponent of Judge O'Melveny is taking the necessary legal steps to bring the case before the Supreme Court. The Convention will have adjourned probably before a decision can be had, but the decision will establish a principle and a precedent.

At the call to order in the morning, every member but three were present, and the absent three were in town, viz.: Messrs. Buckmaster of Madison, Young of Clark, and Joslyn of Kane.

In the afternoon the organization was perfected according to the Caucus programme. Mr. Hacker was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Singleton, Buckmaster and Brooks, and thanked the Convention in a few well chosen words. Fourteen Republicans cast a complimentary vote for William M. Jackson of Boone, for President, and Mr. Anthony of Chicago nominted Lawrence Brentano of Cook for Secretary of the Convention, who also received a part of the Republican vote. Mr. Sheahan received a few votes for Secretary, these coming from his Union friends.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee of five to inquire the expense of employing a stenographic reporter, to make an official report of the proceedings.

Mr. Allen, of Williamson, moved to proceed to the election of a public printer.

Mr. Anthony, of Cook, objected, and asked whether the Convention should not be governed by the act of the Legislature.

Mr. Allen thought that body had no power to limit the action of this Convention.

Mr. Thornton, of Shelby, offered a resolution appointing a committee of five to inquire as to the power of the Legislature to limit the action of this Convention, which, after some debate, was adopted, and the following Committee was appointed by the Chair: Messrs. Thornton of Shelby; Allen of Williamson; Manning of Peoria; Edwards of Sangamon, and Anthony of Cook.

The XII article of the Constitution provides what the Legislature shall do in the matter of a Convention, as follows:

"The General Assembly shall call a Convention to consist of the same number of members as the House of Representatives at the time of making said call, to be chosen in the same districts, at the same place, and by the same electors, in the same districts that chose the members of the House of Representatives, which Convention shall meet within three months after the said election for the purpose of revising, altering and amending the Constitution."

Further than to set the machinery in motion, the Legislature seems to have no power over the Convention. There is a curious fact in reference to the word "chose" quoted in the Constitutional clause above. In the original roll, now on file in the Secretary of State's office, the word was originally written "chuse," but the u has been partially rubbed out and an o substituted; when or by whom, it is not known. But if the word had stood as originally written, the delegates to this Convention would have been elected under the apportionment made by the last General Assembly.

THIRD DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 8, 1862.

The Convention met at ten o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrew of Springfield. The journal was read and corrected. Several personalities were made, among others one by Mr. Muhlke, of Cook, asking to have credited to his colleague, Mr. Anthony, certain speeches made the previous day.

Mr. Wentworth introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

THE STATE INDEBTEDNESS.

Resolved, That the Auditor be requested to furnish this Convention with the amount and description of all the indebtedness of the State, whether funded or unfunded, and the period when the same will become due; the amount and description of the real estate and other property belonging to the State, with the last appraisal thereof; and such other information as will enable this Convention to have a perfect knowledge of the liabilities and assets of the State, embracing a table concerning the taxes of 1859 and 1860, as appears in the Auditor's Statement No. 17, in his biennial report to the Twenty-second General Assembly.

A number of executive communications were introduced and referred or laid on the table. Mr. Purple, of Peoria, introduced the following resolutions, which were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed, by a vote of 40 in the affirmative. They are important and, I understand, reflect the views of a large majority of the Convention.

Resolved, That no bank or banking corporation ought to be established or exist within the State unless the same shall be based upon the principle of receiving, disbursing and loaning gold and silver.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Convention, banks for the purpose of issuing notes and other evidences of indebtedness to pass in lieu of money, are not only unnecessary, but that they are positively highly detrimental and injurious to the best interests of the State and the people.

Resolved, That this Convention ought, either by an organic law or by mandatory direction to the General Assembly, to be enforced by severe penalties and punishments, to provide against the introduction of the issue of bills of the denomination of less than ten dollars, and of all bank bills of a denomination of over ten dollars, that shall not be issued for circulation, to demand in gold and silver.

The speaker announced the names of the Committee on Rules, viz.:

Messrs. Ficklin of Coles, French of St. Clair, Singleton of Quincy, Terry of Winnebago, and Wentworth of Cook.

Mr. Ficklin introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which were read:

WHEREAS, The victory of New Orleans, achieved on the eighth day of January, 1815, by the American forces under the command of General Andrew Jackson over the British veterans under General Packenham is an epoch in our national history which should be commemorated through all time; and

WHEREAS, The name of General Andrew Jackson to his country, and his promptness to defend its honor and its rights against all assaults, whether offered by a domestic or foreign foe, has enshrined his name in the hearts of his countrymen; and

WHEREAS during his administration of the Government, General Jackson, whenever the integrity of the Union was imperiled, uttered words of such emphasis that grave significance to the sentiment, that "the Union should be preserved at all hazards;" and

WHEREAS our present complications with Great Britain render it not improbable that in the future it is necessary to repeat the arguments used at New Orleans on the 8th of January; 1815, therefore

Resolved, That we respect the memory of the battle of New Orleans, and feel assured that the lustre shed upon American arms on that eventful day will not be tarnished by the present or future of any aggressive and imperious nation.

Resolved, That the preservation of the Federal Union is the object for which the fathers formed it is one of the highest and holiest duties of every American citizen.

Resolved, That in commemoration of the battle of New Orleans, and as a token of our high appreciation of the services rendered by the hero on that occasion, this Convention stand adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Wentworth moved the yeas and nays. He desired to learn how many Jackson men there were in the house.

Mr. Thornton, of Shelby, saw a "nigger in the fence," particularly in the last clause of the preamble; there was, he thought, too much of a defiant tone toward Great Britain. He therefore asked the mover, Mr. Ficklin, to withdraw the preamble.

Mr. Ficklin objected.

Mr. Singleton moved to amend by striking out the last clause of the preamble.

Here followed a long, rambling, unparliamentary debate and the clause was finally stricken out.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend by inserting the following in its place:

WHEREAS, Should our complications with England render it necessary to repeat the arguments used at New Orleans on the 8th of January, A. D. 1815, then the people of this State will be ready to respond to any call to defend the Government of the country with the same promptness, energy and patriotism that have always characterized their support of the Union and the Constitution.

This suited Mr. Singleton exactly, and he made a rousing eager speech in which he promised we would, in the event of another war with England, make the British Lion "get up and howl" as handsomely as we did in 1815.

The amendment of Mr. Edwards prevailed; other buncombe speeches followed, and the resolutions, as amended, were unanimously adopted. This is an encouraging sign of the times; for it amounts to the declaration that in the event of a war with England we will go down to New Orleans and fight England and the Confederated rebels, the British Lion's allies, and use the same arguments Jackson did on that glorious occasion, namely, arm the blacks, both bond and free, and put them behind the entrenchments to fight the enemies of the country and traitors to the Constitution and laws.

FOURTH DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, January 9.

The Convention was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Joslyn. Mr. Dwyer's memorial, contesting the seat of Judge O'Melveny, was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander arose, at the request of the Auditor, to say that the information required by Mr. Wentworth's resolution of yesterday, could only in part be obtained in that office.

Mr. Wentworth declined to receive any unofficial information from any source. An official communication had been made to the Auditor calling for information. It was the Auditor's duty to make an official reply and to indicate from what department of the State Government, if not from his, that information should be obtained. He would receive no information that could not go on the record.

The President intimated to the gentleman that there was no motion before the Convention, and the subject dropped.

The report of the Special Committee on Rules was received, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Special Committee as to the power of the Legislature to limit the action of the Convention, was received and read. It is important as indicating the animus of the Convention, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee, to which was referred a resolution instituting inquiry into the limitations imposed upon the action of the Convention by the law calling it, and into the power of the Convention to contract for necessary printing, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to make the following report:

Section 1 of Article 12 of the Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall recommend to the electors to vote for or against a Convention to alter or amend that instrument, and that if a majority of the electors shall vote for the same, then the General Assembly shall call the Convention. This is the extent of the power given to the Legislature. Its entire power consists in the recommendation to the electors, and in the act of calling the Convention upon a contingency. The number of the delegates, the place at, the manner and districts in which they shall be chosen, the time of meeting, and the qualifications of electors, are fixed in the Constitution. When the people have therefore elected delegates in accordance to the provisions of this section, and they have assembled and organized, from a peaceable revolution of the State Government, so far as it can be effected by a revision of the Constitution, has been entered upon, limited only by the Federal Constitution.

All power incidental to the great object of calling the Convention belongs to it. It is a virtual assemblage of the people of the State, sovereign within its own boundaries as to all matters affecting the happiness, prosperity, and freedom of the citizens, and supreme as to the exercise of any power necessary to the establishment of free Constitutional Government, except as restrained by the Constitution of the United States. In the Legislature trammel the action of a body selected for the purpose of amending the very Constitution which gives being to the Legislature? If so, then that Legislature can make and unmake constitutions and can act up and overturn governments.

In the discussion of this question in the Constitutional Convention of Illinois in 1847, Judge Logan, one of the ablest jurists in the State, said—"An oath to support the Constitution of the United States had been proposed and taken because we can do nothing in contravention to that instrument, and *because there was no power in the Federal Government* to limit the power of the Convention over the Treasury? We have the power to prescribe the powers and duties and salaries of officers."

If the foregoing views are correct, it follows almost necessarily, that the Convention is clothed with power to contract for and regulate whatever printing it may require. It may be said that printing is not necessary, is not incident to the power to change the Constitution. In reply it is respectfully stated that in this age printing is an absolute necessity. If our proceedings and the result of our opinions are merely to be written on parchment, and hung away for safe keeping, the Convention would be a mockery. If the Constitution were not printed and published none would be made. It is therefore insisted that printing is necessary to accomplish fully the object of the Convention. Is there any restraint upon the power of the Convention in this regard, in the Constitution or laws of the State. Section 39 of article 3 of the Constitution contains the following clause:

"The General Assembly shall provide, by law, that the printing, and distributing, and binding of laws and journals, and all other printing, *ordered by the General Assembly*, shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder."

In pursuance thereof, the Legislature in 1849, passed a law to carry out this provision of the Constitution, and directing as to the manner in which the printing ordered by the General Assembly should be let. A contract to perform such printing as may be ordered by the General Assembly has been made. Your Committee have examined the law and contracts, and found that they included only printing for the use of the General Assembly, and such as might be needed by the Executive Department. But it may be said that the printing ordered by the Convention is not by any fair and legitimate construction the law of 1849, or the contract referred to. Is there any provision in the law calling the Convention or limiting its power in the matter? The language is, "and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to cause such printing to be do ne as the Convention, shall, from time to time, require. Is there any limitation upon the power of the Convention unless in the mere declaration of the agent who has superintend the printing required. It neither indicates the person who shall perform the work nor the terms of performance. It clearly grants to the Convention the power to require printing.

The Secretary merely executes the requirement. The power to require the printing to be done implies the power to contract for it and to regulate the terms of performance. Unless this construction is adhered to, the Secretary can not act and fix the price. Such never could have been the intention of the Legislature.

The following conclusions are therefore arrived at:

That after due organization of the Convention, the law calling it is no longer binding, and the Convention has supreme power in regard to all matters incident to the adoption and amendments of the Constitution, and that it has full power to contract for such printing as it may require.

ANTHONY THORNTON,
JULIUS MANNING,
B. S. EDWARDS,
WM. LOCKWOOD,
JOHN L. ALLEN.

Mr. Richmond moved the Committee rise and recommend the acceptance of the Report, but gave way to Mr. Joslyn, who objected to the enunciation of the idea in the Report that the Convention was supreme; if so, the logical inference would be that the Convention had revolutionary power and could organize a Provisional Government or commit any other arbitrary act.

Mr. Thornton said the report undertook not to decide any further than as to how far the Legislature had power to limit the action of this Convention. He was for doing nothing in the Convention that should not be submitted to the people for their ratification.

Mr. Richmond, in answer to a direct question, said that if an ordinance demanded it, he thought the Convention had power to appoint a Governor to-morrow.

Mr. Ficklin thought the powers of the Convention were unlimited, but he was, and he believed the great body of the Convention were, for submitting to the will of the people.

A motion to strike out the sentence, "It is "a virtual assemblage of the people of the "State, sovereign within its own boundaries" as to all the matters affecting "the happiness, prosperity and freedom of the citizen," was lost—twenty only voting in the affirmative.

There are evidences of a thorough organization of the Democracy, and so far the talking on that side of the House has been by such men as Dement, Thornton, Edwards, Ficklin, Ross, Singleton, and others of the old school, the younger members keeping silent; and on that side, at least, the talking has been moderate, reasonable, and to the point.

In the afternoon Mr. Richmond offered a resolution appointing Lewis B. Erwin Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Fuller, of Cook, moved to amend, by adding the appointment of Capt. Connett, of Chicago, as Assistant Post Master. Mr. Singleton amended further by adding the name of James Lowe as Copyist, both of which were accepted. Mr. Anthony moved to substitute the name of Daniel O'Brien for that of James Lowe. This was letting the thing go quite too high, and the resolutions and amendments were tabled by a big vote.

The remainder of the afternoon was passed in a squabble over the election of a printer. Finally, under the pressure of the previous question, Charles Lanphier was elected.

Mr. Dement introduced a resolution that it is "the sense and sentiment of this Convention that it will submit its deliberations to be ratified by the people," which was carried unanimously.

A resolution was introduced and adopted furnishing to the members of the Convention twenty-five copies to be selected from any newspaper publishing the proceedings of the Convention, provided that the price thereof should not exceed ten cents a week each paper.

A proposition came up for publishing the debates both in the newspapers and in a book form, and for printing and binding, and was referred to a select committee.

FIFTH DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, January 10th, 1861.

MORNING SESSION.

The President announced the following gentlemen as the committee to prepare resolutions expressing the sense of the Convention as to the character and public services of the late Judge Douglas, introduced by Mr. Fuller, of Cook, viz: Messrs. Fuller, Burr of Scott, Ferry of Lake, Ross of Fulton and Duff of Jackson.

Mr. Morrill, from a special committee on employing stenographic reporters, reported it inexpedient to employ them. An ineffectual attempt was made to recommit with instructions, and the report was adopted; ayes 63.

Mr. Ferry, of Lake, offered a resolution, which was adopted, asking of County Clerks information in regard to grand juries, probate business; and of the Clerk of the Supreme Court the amount of business transacted there. A committee of three was appointed to enquire what additional officers were needed to carry on the business of the Convention. Subsequently the committee reported in favor of an assistant secretary, an assistant doorkeeper and assistant postmaster, a copyist and a superintendent of committee rooms.

Mr. Joslyn objected. There was no work for such officers, and though he was willing to provide for the numerous democratic expectants hanging about the lobbies, whenever their services were required, he believed the expenditure totally uncalled for.

Mr. Fuller moved to strike out somebody's name and insert that of Capt. Connett. Here the democracy got into a snarl and agreed to meet in caucus this afternoon to name their candidate.

Mr. Stone, of Pike, offered a resolution of enquiry as to the transactions of the auditing committee.

Mr. Edwards moved a substitute, which was adopted.

The substance of the resolutions is as follows:

The Auditor of State to communicate to the Convention the number of bonds issued under the appropriations ordered by the last General Assembly for war or military purposes—when and for how much said bonds have been sold, and how much expense has been incurred for the purchase of arms.

Amount of Auditor's Warrants issued for war purposes, if any, above the amount specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Seventh Assembly.

Amount received from the United States Government for war expenses.

That the Auditing Committee communicate the amount of claims presented and audited and allowed by said Committee, and amount of claims presented and not allowed.

That the Quartermaster General report to this Convention, as soon as possible, the amount of supplies, if any, contracted for by him and not received.

Same inquiry of the Commissary General.

That the Governor of the State be requested to communicate to this Convention if the United States Government has notified him of its readiness to relieve the State of Illinois of further expenditure in the organization, equipment and maintenance of troops enlisted in this State for the military service of the United States, and if so, whether any arrangements have been made by him in accordance with such notification.

Resolution to pay delegates the same mileage as the members of the last General Assembly was lost.

Governor French asked that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire whether five should not be the appropriate number of Judges of the Supreme Court. Adopted.

By Mr. Thornton, that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expense of employing competent stenographic reporters. Carried.

Mr. Fuller introduced two resolutions instructing the Secretary of the Convention to procure from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chicago, and the Clerks of the Supreme Court, a statement of the business fees and income of their offices.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Hacker, the President, Gen. Singleton in the chair—*"That it is the sense of this Convention that the writ of habeas corpus should never be suspended in this State."* This was laid on the table, but out of respect to the President ordered to be printed.

This is the first revolutionary movement that has been made in the Convention. In the event of an attempt having been made to push the resolution to a vote it would have been amended by the words "excepting in cases of invasion, insurrection and civil war," for the northern and conservative Democrats and the Republicans would have united to sustain the amendment.

Mr. Orme introduced a resolution in regard to the Illinois Central Railroad seven per cent. tax, declaring that the Auditor of State should be restrained from releasing that Company from paying said tax, and inquiring of the Auditor as to the condition of his account in that Company.

Mr. Joslyn introduced a substitute for the latter part of Mr. Orme's resolution, which was adopted and ordered to be printed. Several other resolutions to the same effect were offered and laid on the table.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Orme offered a resolution asking the Secretary to obtain from the Clerks of Circuit Courts in districts containing not less than ten thousand inhabitants, a complete statement of the fees, etc., of their offices. Lost.

Mr. Brooks offered a resolution that he be directed to obtain information as to cost of printing and binding the public laws, etc., for the last ten years. Lost.

Mr. Richmond moved that the Secretary of State be directed to furnish each member of this Convention a map, showing the population of this State by counties, according to census of 1860. Carried.

Mr. Brooks stated his object to be to procure information that would enable the Convention to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts.

Mr. Bartley, of Gallatin, introduced a resolution that this Convention has power to provide by the Constitution that the General Assembly shall make a law forbidding the negroes from coming into the State, and to that effect those out that are already here. Lost by a large vote.

The Convention at 3 o'clock adjourned to allow the Democracy to go into caucus to name their candidates for assistant offices. So they organized in the Hall and then proceeded in a body to the Supreme Court Room.

The Conservatives, it is apparent, are gaining control of the Convention. A majority of the Democracy are for deposing the State officers only, and to postpone the election till fall. This majority is likely to control the action of the Convention. Another—the radical portion—is for making a new deal all around, and providing for the election of all officers, from Governor to Constable, claiming that with such a programme they get the active assistance of every office holder in the State. On the other hand, it is said that the people would never ratify such a Constitution, because it enlists the persistent and determined opposition of every office holder in the State.

The Committees will be announced to-morrow or Monday morning, and then the Convention will get to work.

FROM WESTERN MISSOURI.

How Treason works in Missouri—Schemes of Rebels—Correspondence—How the Secret Mani-festo to save their Property and Themselves.

[Special Correspondence Chicago Tribune.
CAPE LARDEAU, Otterville, Mo.,
January 6, 1862.

It has sometimes been said that our officers ought to prevent the sending of information from our army to the C. S. A. But those who are remote from the field of action can have little idea of the sagacity of the rebels and the endlessness of their resources. The devil can put on the garb of an angel of light, or can come in his own form, as may seem best to suit his purpose. But as our officers become better acquainted with the country and the ways of the people, this nice work is becoming less and less easy of accomplishment.

A correspondence has just come into my hand, which will open to you the mode of operation most frequently followed. I will give you the correspondence, and explain its causes.

HEADQUARTERS 2D BRIGADE, 2D DIVISION,
CAMP JACKSON, Jan. 3, 1861.

GENERAL: A Mr. Harris, who is reputed to be a *secessionist*, rode into my camp just now. I ordered him away without hearing his business.

I am told he has one or two sons in Price's army —that he has furnished supplies to Price voluntarily. I also hear that he is hunting among our troops for negroes. *He cannot do that here.* (Ital. his own.) If you order a search for that kind of property I will comply with the order, but will not allow him to come. It would not be safe.

Very respectfully,
JULIUS WHITE,
Col. Commanding 2d Brig., 2d Div.

HEADQUARTERS LANIER CANTONMENT,
January 4, 1862.

COL. JULIUS WHITE, Com'd'g 2d Brigade, &c.:

I, the undersigned, am the man Harris, of whom you wrote, to search the camp for negroes. I expressly refused him permission to do so.

You will never be guilty of a meanness that task under my orders, for I will not require you to do that which I would feel disgraced to do myself.

J. M. PALMER, Brig. Gen. Com'd'g.

This man Harris I know. He professes to be a Union man, and under that name has worked his way into camps and posts all along, on one pretext or another. Yet a son who is connected with Price's rebel army, and another young man who holds prospective relation to him, as son-in-law, have been secretly and about his house, supplied by him with arms and information, for a month past, to my knowledge. This fact has been given to the Provost Marshal, near "The Saline Bridge," and seems to have much trouble with a negro or negroes, which, from some cause, he never finds, though he searches faithfully in the camps of the U. S. A.

Now for the plot, duplicate and key. This man Harris has a large farm, and his son is interested in property, if he does not own a farm. If the C. S. A. comes off victorious, the son who has been in the rebel army can save the property to the old man through his services rendered. If the U. S. A. comes off victorious, the father, as a staunch Union man, can save the property and the son, through his patriotic influence. He is on the right side of dangers. Then, besides, the army has no hold on negroes of Union men, and the father as such can come into United States camps in quest of a supposed negro who has run away, search at his leisure for him, gaining sympathy as a wronged Union man, if he fails to find him, and meantime taking careful notes on the number, position, &c., of troops, which he reports to his son, and through him to the secession General.

Sometimes this is true. Sons, daughters, wives, sons, may be the parties who play the Union dodge, and fathers or brothers may be the secesh. More frequently, however, the old men, who are hardly serviceable as soldiers, are selected for this safe home work, and the stronger young men are kept in the field, or if absent home for report in the body.

The policy of the war has been such heretofore that our officers and soldiers could not do as they wished in relation to the negro question. They might come into our camps, protected by those over us, but I am glad to be able to send you this correspondence, as it will show you that our officers are now able to forbid search for negroes in our camps, that they make greater discrimination between camp guests, and it will show, too, that an army in Missouri has not for its end the binding closer the bonds of slavery—we are not here as "nigger-hunters."

There is another dodge that has been played to a great extent. Returned soldiers from Price's army, repenting their treason, as it will not keep them warm in the bodies brush of winter, come humbly to take the oath of allegiance, and swell the throng themselves into loyal citizens. This opportunity they take to examine the camp, as in the other instance. Repenting and repenting prodigals are usually received with open arms, somehow, and these men know it. They may take the oath, go home, describe our fortifications, camps, cantonments, &c., to secesh friends, aid in the preparation of drawings, estimates, &c., and send the whole to Price, while still they seem to us repentant secesh, converted to Union men by an oath of allegiance, which we hold most sacred and they consider foi-de-rol.

These are means constantly employed, and they are only two selected from hundreds of artful dodges that are practiced daily.

Whom can we trust, and what can we do under such circumstances? If we exclude from our sympathies the whole people, we wrong many good Union men. If we open our arms to all who proclaim themselves such, even to those who give occasional aid and kindness and comfort to our soldiers, we nurture many serpents in our bosoms. Even this Harris has given house-room, dinner, kind words, &c., to squads of our soldiers who have stopped at his house, and showed no signs of his traitorous heart, save in falling to check the rapid tongues of his daughters, who, holding behind their backs defenseless womanhood, were loud in the vituperations with which they regaled the slingers of those who enjoyed the father's hospitality. Harris, we know now to be secesh, but he has always called himself, and been called by others, Union.

The best we can do is to put officers with the ways and characters of people here however has a two fold effect. There is less and less willingness to wink at slavery or to aid in returning fugitives, and there is still time to be in the entering of our camps by people who live about here. These games are being "played out."

LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN IN ENGLAND.

Position of the English People towards the United States—Anti-Slavery Sentiment of the Government and People—Hostility to Oppression a Permanent Power—Fashionables and not Manhydom—The English Bible and Tract Societies —Complication of the Cotton Question—The Anti-Slavery Agitation—Is Disunion to Destroy Government?—"How Stands England?"—Its Sympathy with the North—American Reasons for the Maintenance of Peace—Federal and Rebel Representations abroad compared—Falsehoods of the the South—Evil effects of a mistaken Foreign Policy, &c., &c.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, England, Dec. 17, 1861.

The first, the most important of all questions to be answered now, is, How stand the people of Great Britain to the United States? That the answer may be understood properly, it is necessary to make an explanation of the back ground, on which such a question is predicated.

The English people may be regarded as most thoroughly and unchangingly anti-slavery in their sentiments and feelings. In the growth of society in this country, there has sprung up a noble band of philanthropists and earnest Christian men. The Puritan stock is here from which sprung the Puritan stock of our country. These, with all the varied denominations which have dissented, from time to time, from the established church, called Dissenters, together with the Presbyterians of Scotland, and the good people called Friends—better known as Quakers—always noted for their good work as an essential part of religion, are thoroughly anti-slavery, and were first forward in the good cause of abolishing the slave trade, then in the abolition of slavery in their own dominions. This reform triumphed in moulding the policy of the Government; and now it may be said with truthfulness, that abstractly, as a conceded fact, the Government of Great Britain and all its people are anti-slavery. They are anti-slavery by a fixed line of policy, as much as the people of the United States are Republican.

Hostility to slavery, morally, wherever it exists, is a permanent power in the land. This is an immutable fact, to be regarded in all our intercourse, socially, religiously and nationally, if we are to guide our bark in harmony with the reality of things here.

And it is proper that it should be remembered at the same time, that anti-slavery in this country, unlike as it is in our own country, *is fashionable* here, and was long ago carried by popular triumph out of the arena of martyrdom. It is therefore not a high-toned test of consistency and adherence to principle. A man can be an anti-slavery man here without being publicly denounced, charged with hypocrisy, and subject to persecution. You do not therefore look exclusively for rabid men, and men who turn the world upside down, among that class in this country—though I believe there are many of the same stripe here which we have in the United States.

We must not look upon anti-slavery on the whole as you look upon it at home. There it is self-sacrificing, unpopular and meddlesome, a disturber of the peace of things, (though I thank God that through the logic of His events, it is fast getting to be universal, if not popular, in the usual sense.) Here in England, you can better define it, by classing it in its popular type, with our strong religious bodies, and the Tract and Bible Societies, which are suspected of being not quite up to the standard of principle, for the sake of their popularity. Here they are forced up to active assistance of every movement in office in the State. On the other hand, it is said that the people would never ratify such a Constitution, because it enlists the persistent and determined opposition of every office holder in the State.

The Committees will be announced to-morrow or Monday morning, and then the Convention will get to work.

FROM WESTERN MISSOURI.

How Treason works in Missouri—Schemes of Rebels—Correspondence—How the Secesh Manage to save their Property and Themselves.

[Special Correspondence Chicago Tribune.
CAPE LARDEAU, Otterville, Mo.,
January 6, 1862.

It has sometimes been said that our officers ought to prevent the sending of information from our army to the C. S. A. But those who are remote from the field of action can have little idea of the sagacity of the rebels and the endlessness of their resources. The devil can put on the garb of an angel of light, or can come in his own form, as may seem best to suit his purpose. But as our officers become better acquainted with the country and the ways of the people, this nice work is becoming less and less easy of accomplishment.

A correspondence has just come into my hand, which will open to you the mode of operation most frequently followed. I will give you the correspondence, and explain its causes.

HEADQUARTERS 2D BRIGADE, 2D DIVISION,
CAMP JACKSON, Jan. 3, 1861.

GENERAL: A Mr. Harris, who is reputed to be a *secessionist*, rode into my camp just now. I ordered him away without hearing his business.

I am told he has one or two sons in Price's army —that he has furnished supplies to Price voluntarily. I also hear that he is hunting among our troops for negroes. *He cannot do that here.* (Ital. his own.) If you order a search for that kind of property I will comply with the order, but will not allow him to come. It would not be safe.

Very respectfully,
JULIUS WHITE,
Col. Commanding 2d Brig., 2d Div.

HEADQUARTERS LANIER CANTONMENT,
January 4, 1862.

COL. JULIUS WHITE, Com'd'g 2d Brigade, &c.:

I, the undersigned, am the man Harris, of whom you wrote, to search the camp for negroes. I expressly refused him permission to do so.

You will never be guilty of a meanness that task under my orders, for I will not require you to do that which I would feel disgraced to do myself.

J. M. PALMER, Brig. Gen. Com'd'g.

This man Harris I know. He professes to be a Union man, and under that name has worked his way into camps and posts all along, on one pretext or another. Yet a son who is connected with Price's rebel army, and another young man who holds prospective relation to him, as son-in-law, have been secretly and about his house, supplied by him with arms and information, for a month past, to my knowledge. This fact has been given to the Provost Marshal, near "The Saline Bridge," and seems to have much trouble with a negro or negroes, which, from some cause, he never finds, though he searches faithfully in the camps of the U. S. A.

Now for the plot, duplicate and key. This man Harris has a large farm, and his son is interested in property, if he does not own a farm. If the C. S. A. comes off victorious, the son who has been in the rebel army can save the property to the old man through his services rendered. If the U. S. A. comes off victorious, the father, as a staunch Union man, can save the property and the son, through his patriotic influence. He is on the right side of dangers. Then, besides, the army has no hold on negroes of Union men, and the father as such can come into United States camps in quest of a supposed negro who has run away, search at his leisure for him, gaining sympathy as a wronged Union man, if he fails to find him, and meantime taking careful notes on the number, position, &c., of troops, which he reports to his son, and through him to the secession General.

Sometimes this is true. Sons, daughters, wives, sons, may be the parties who play the Union dodge, and fathers or brothers may be the secesh. More frequently, however, the old men, who are hardly serviceable as soldiers, are selected for this safe home work, and the stronger young men are kept in the field, or if absent home for report in the body.

The policy of the war has been such heretofore that our officers and soldiers could not do as they wished in relation to the negro question. They might come into our camps, protected by those over us, but I am glad to be able to send you this correspondence, as it will show you that our officers are now able to forbid search for negroes in our camps, that they make greater discrimination between camp guests, and it will show, too, that an army in Missouri has not for its end the binding closer the bonds of slavery—we are not here as "nigger-hunters."

There is another dodge that has been played to a great extent. Returned soldiers from Price's army, repenting their treason, as it will not keep them warm in the bodies brush of winter, come humbly to take the oath of allegiance, and swell the throng themselves into loyal citizens. This opportunity they take to examine the camp, as in the other instance. Repenting and repenting prodigals are usually received with open arms, somehow, and these men know it. They may take the oath, go home, describe our fortifications, camps, cantonments, &c., to secesh friends, aid in the preparation of drawings, estimates, &c., and send the whole to Price, while still they seem to us repentant secesh, converted to Union men by an oath of allegiance, which we hold most sacred and they consider foi-de-rol.

These are means constantly employed, and they are only two selected from hundreds of artful dodges that are practiced daily.

Whom can we trust, and what can we do under such circumstances? If we exclude from our sympathies the whole people, we wrong many good Union men. If we open our arms to all who proclaim themselves such, even to those who give occasional aid and kindness and comfort to our soldiers, we nurture many serpents in our bosoms. Even this Harris has given house-room, dinner, kind words, &c., to squads of our soldiers who have stopped at his house, and showed no signs of his traitorous heart, save in falling to check the rapid tongues of his daughters, who, holding behind their backs defenseless womanhood, were loud in the vituperations with which they regaled the slingers of those who enjoyed the father's hospitality. Harris, we know now to be secesh, but he has always called himself, and been called by others, Union.

The best we can do is to put officers with the ways and characters of people here however has a two fold effect. There is less and less willingness to wink at slavery or to aid in returning fugitives, and there is still time to be in the entering of our camps by people who live about here. These games are being "played out."

LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN IN ENGLAND.

Position of the English People towards the United States—Anti-Slavery Sentiment of the Government and People—Hostility to Oppression a Permanent Power—Fashionables and not Manhydom—The English Bible and Tract Societies —Complication of the Cotton Question—The Anti-Slavery Agitation—Is Disunion to Destroy Government?—"How Stands England?"—Its Sympathy with the North—American Reasons for the Maintenance of Peace—Federal and Rebel Representations abroad compared—Falsehoods of the the South—Evil effects of a mistaken Foreign Policy, &c., &c.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, England, Dec. 17, 1861.

The first, the most important of all questions to be answered now, is, How stand the people of Great Britain to the United States? That the answer may be understood properly, it is necessary to make an explanation of the back ground, on which such a question is predicated.

The English people may be regarded as most thoroughly and unchangingly anti-slavery in their sentiments and feelings. In the growth of society in this country, there has sprung up a noble band of philanthropists and earnest Christian men. The Puritan stock is here from which sprung the Puritan stock of our country. These, with all the varied denominations which have dissented, from time to time, from the established church, called Dissenters, together with the Presbyterians of Scotland, and the good people called Friends—better known as Quakers—always noted for their good work as an essential part of religion, are thoroughly anti-slavery, and were first forward in the good cause of abolishing the slave trade, then in the abolition of slavery in their own dominions. This reform triumphed in moulding the policy of the Government; and now it may be said with truthfulness, that abstractly, as a conceded fact, the Government of Great Britain and all its people are anti-slavery. They are anti-slavery by a fixed line of policy, as much as the people of the United States are Republican.

Hostility to slavery, morally, wherever it exists, is a permanent power in the land. This is an immutable fact, to be regarded in all our intercourse, socially, religiously and nationally, if we are to guide our bark in harmony with the reality of things here.

And it is proper that it should be remembered at the same time, that anti-slavery in this country, unlike as it is in our own country, *is fashionable* here, and was long ago carried by popular triumph out of the arena of martyrdom. It is therefore not a high-toned test of consistency and adherence to principle. A man can be an anti-slavery man here without being publicly denounced, charged with hypocrisy, and subject to persecution. You do not therefore look exclusively for rabid men, and men who turn the world upside down, among that class in this country —though I believe there are many of the same stripe here which we have in the United States.

We must not look upon anti-slavery on the whole as you look upon it at home. There it is self-sacrificing, unpopular and meddlesome, a disturber of the peace of things, (though I thank God that through the logic of His events, it is fast getting to be universal, if not popular, in the usual sense.) Here in England, you can better define it, by classing it in its popular type, with our strong religious bodies, and the Tract and Bible Societies, which are suspected of being not quite up to the standard of principle, for the sake of their popularity. Here they are forced up to active assistance of every movement in office in the State. On the other hand, it is said that the people would never ratify such a Constitution, because it enlists the persistent and determined opposition of every office holder in the State.

The Committees will be announced to-morrow or Monday morning, and then the Convention will get to work.

ILLINOIS STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting—Awards on Farms and Nurseries.

[Special Correspondence Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, January, 9th, 1862.

The following are the awards of the Committee, appointed by the State Agricultural Society, to Examine Farms and Nurseries:

Best improved and highly cultivated farm of not less than 160 acres. 1st premium $35, to Clark Chatton, Payson, Adams Co. 2d premium $15, to S. W. Arnold, Cortland, DeKalb Co.

Best improved and highly cultivated farm of not less than 80 acres. 1st premium $25, to Samuel B. Turner, Quincy, Adams Co. No second premium.

Best improved farm of not less than 20 acres. 1st premium $25, to Osborn Barnard, Bloomington, McLean Co.

Best transplanted forest trees not less than six feet high for permanent growth and coverting not less than one acre of ground to Charles E. Peck, Winetka, Cook Co.

Best arranged and cultivated nursery of fruit trees and fruit shrubs. 1st premium, $30, to Charles Kennicott, Sandoval, Marion Co. 2d premium, Robert Douglas, Waukegan, Lake Co.

Best arranged and cultivated nursery of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and plants. 1st premium, $30, Overman & Mann, Bloomington, McLean county; 2d premium, $10, Robert Douglas, Waukegan, Lake Co.

Best arranged and cultivated nursery of grafted and budded apple trees, one to four years old. 1st premium, $30, Chas. Kennicott, Sandoval, Marion Co.; 2d premium, Smith G. Minkler, Specie Grove, Kendall Co.

Best apple orchard bearing not less than 100 trees, with the name of varieties. 1st premium, $35, A. S. Cox, Port Byron, Rock Island county; 2d premium, $15, Smith G. Minkler, Specie Grove, Kendall county.

Best peach